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### **Collective webinar: Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange**

Local governments across Canada are constantly seeking innovative ways to address local challenges and improve residents' lives. This Collective webinar—delivered in partnership between FCM and Bloomberg Philanthropies—introduces local governments to the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange, an initiative to accelerate the spread of successful civic solutions between communities around the world.

On December 18, attendees will learn how their communities can engage with the Idea Exchange—whether by lending or borrowing successful ideas—and explore inspiring examples from participating local governments that demonstrate how peer-learning and adaptation lead to measurable results.

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**NEWS**

## **Join FCM's Green Municipal Fund Council**

Calling all elected municipal officials in Alberta, Manitoba and the Territories. We are seeking a recognized community champion with in-depth knowledge of municipal issues and priorities to apply before January 12 for a seat on the Green Municipal Fund Council.

As a council member, your leadership and expertise in municipal sustainability will help accelerate innovative solutions to the challenges facing communities across Canada, building resilience, boosting local economies and leaving a lasting environmental legacy.

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## **Discover the vibrancy of Francophone communities across Canada**

FCM is proud to support Francophone and bilingual members, whether they are located in Quebec or in Francophone minority communities across the country. Our new resource webpage compiles Francophone and bilingual municipal associations along with communities designated as "welcoming" that offer French services. This national overview highlights the diversity of Canada's Francophone and bilingual municipal landscape and reaffirms FCM's commitment to promoting its richness.

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## **PMI-WILL marks 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Ghana**

The Partnerships for Municipal Innovation—Women in Local Leadership (PMI-WILL) project partnered with Ghana's Office of the Head of Local Government Service and the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Accra, Ghana. The event highlighted the new Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) policy for Ghanaian municipalities and the collective work needed to strengthen safe, inclusive local government workplaces. Discussions underscored the importance of independent reporting structures, engaging men as allies and grounding sensitization efforts in local cultural contexts.

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## **Inspiring leadership: Women councillors driving change across Sri Lanka**

Over the past few weeks, the PMI-WILL project—implemented by FCM and funded by Global Affairs Canada—supported the orientation and leadership training for the newly elected leaders of 25 districts' Women's Caucuses in Sri Lanka.

The sessions brought together passionate women elected to local councils in 2025, who are shaping collective plans to strengthen collaboration across districts. Through these networks, the women's caucuses aim to build mutual support for women's decision-making in local government and drive meaningful, community-led

change. Their experiences also inspired Canadian municipal leaders, highlighting shared challenges and innovative ways to advance women’s political leadership and inclusive governance globally.

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## Pulse check



Introducing FCM’s *Pulse check*—a new way to engage directly with our work. Look out for this section in future editions of FCM Voice where we’ll be seeking your input on top municipal priorities.

Take this quick survey to share your insight on shovel-ready housing and housing-enabling infrastructure projects in your municipalities. Your response will help shape our advocacy and public communications efforts.

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## EVENTS

### How to complete an Urban forestry plans and studies funding application

A strong urban forestry plan brings multiple benefits to your community. If your community is interested in Green Municipality Fund’s *Urban forestry plans and studies funding*, our upcoming workshop offers presentations, document walkthroughs and opportunities for your questions to be answered. Join us on December 9 at 1 p.m. ET and leave with the tools and insights that will help you understand the funding requirements, learn what each section needs and avoid common pitfalls.

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## FCM IN THE NEWS

### » Here's what to know about Canada's landmark energy agreement with Alberta | CBC News

On November 27, the federal government and Alberta signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate the construction of a new bitumen pipeline from Alberta’s oil patch to the British Columbia coast. Since then, it has received some pushback,

notably from the Assembly of First Nations, which is calling for a withdrawal of the Canada-Alberta pipeline deal.

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» **Living in Canada’s Arctic North: why federal investment matters | The Hill Times**

Solomon Awa, the mayor of Iqaluit and FCM board member, authored an op-ed in The Hill Times discussing the need for greater federal investment as climate change affects the North more than other parts of Canada.

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» **Day 2 of AMM focuses on leadership, infrastructure, and rural voice | PortageOnline**

In late November, municipal leaders across Manitoba gathered in Winnipeg for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities’ fall convention, where they shared concerns, exchanged ideas and advocated for stronger partnerships with both the provincial and federal governments. FCM President Rebecca Bligh reaffirmed that the organization’s 2028 annual conference will be held in Winnipeg.

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## RESOURCES

**Webinar recording: Advancing climate goals with organic waste-to-energy**

Did you know municipalities can use anaerobic digestion to turn organic waste into practical, valuable solutions for landfill diversion, waste management and renewable energy? Watch our webinar recording on Advancing climate goals with organic waste-to-energy for an introductory session on anaerobic digestion delivered by Azura Associates.

You will discover how to implement these technologies, access available funding and identify opportunities to create a circular economy approach that minimizes waste and reduces costs.

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**Winter nights are long, but energy bills don’t have to be**

As winter nights get longer, Canadians are flipping the lights on earlier and turning the heat up higher, which drives up home energy costs.

Community energy systems—like district heating or renewable grids powered by solar, wind or geothermal—help municipalities save money, create jobs and deliver stable, predictable energy costs for residents. Power up with GMF funding: claim up to \$100K for a business case, up to \$200K to design a system or up to \$10M to build a system.

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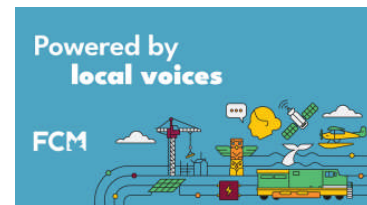
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Yesterday, FCM CEO [Carole Saab](#) spoke at the [Canadian Urban Institute's](#) State of Canada's Cities Summit—an insightful annual event to assess the health of Canadian cities and shape the future.

Alongside panelists [Ehren Cory](#), [Jennifer Quinn \(She / Her\)](#), [Vic Gupta](#) and [Trevor Anderson](#), and moderator [Mary W. Rowe](#), Carole discussed the fiscal realities behind Canada's ambitions and the municipal finance reform needed to support the infrastructure, housing, services and more that communities need to thrive and grow.

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