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Happy holidays from FCM

Thank you to every single FCM member for all that we have achieved together this year.

Please note that this is the final edition of FCM Voice for 2025. We will be back with more news, resources and events on **January 12, 2026**.

Wishing you a happy new year—we look forward to connecting in January!

NEWS

New FCM initiative for first-term elected members

First-term elected officials, this opportunity is for you! FCM's new voices initiative offers eligible members a chance to receive a free delegate pass to our 2026 Annual Conference and Trade Show, held June 4–7, in Edmonton. Connect with peers from across Canada, gain new insights and help shape national conversations. Apply by

February 6 for your chance to bring your municipality's voice to Canada's largest pan-Canadian gathering of elected officials.

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EVENTS

NEW Collective webinar: Partnering for impact with YMCA Canada

Set yourself up for success in 2026 and register now for our first Collective webinar of the year. On January 28, we're partnering with YMCA Canada to explore practical insights into partnership models, lessons learned and strategies for aligning municipal priorities with YMCA programs to achieve shared goals.

This session will highlight the breadth of YMCA services and demonstrate how partnerships with municipalities amplify impact. By working together, municipalities and YMCAs can strengthen communities across the country.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Rebecca Bligh and Dylan Bressey discuss municipal affairs | Now You Know with Rob Snow [19:07-37:20]**

FCM President Rebecca Bligh, alongside Alberta Municipalities President Dylan Bressey, participated in a 30-minute discussion with Rob Snow (CityNews Radio) on issues affecting municipalities, including infrastructure, affordable housing and property taxes.

» **'Buy Canadian' policy comes into effect for federal projects worth over \$25M | CBC News**

The federal government's "Buy Canadian" policy came into effect last week. It requires contracts valued at \$25 million or more to prioritize Canadian businesses and materials. It also mandates that Canadian steel, aluminum and wood products made or processed in Canada be used in construction and defence projects. Additional measures will be introduced by spring 2026.

» **Calgary council moving ahead with blanket rezoning repeal process | CBC News**

In hopes of building more housing and improving affordability, the City of Calgary is officially beginning the process to repeal citywide rezoning, following a motion approved by the municipal council. A final decision will not be made until after a public hearing in spring 2026, which is required for changes to the city's land-use policy.

RESOURCES

Get to know GMF's Regional Energy Coaches

Are you looking to add more sustainable affordable housing in your municipality, or improve the energy efficiency of existing units? The Regional Energy Coaches (REC) program is dedicated to improving energy efficiency and affordability in housing across Canada.

Get to know our expert coaches, who can provide technical support, planning, and funding guidance for municipalities, not-for-profits and housing cooperatives.

» [CONNECT WITH AN REC TODAY](#)

Join N-ZAP's effort to build cleaner, healthier communities

The Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) wants your feedback on its new learning tools that are helping municipalities maximize their knowledge and resources to reach their climate targets.

By participating as an N-ZAP pilot community, you will gain access to cutting-edge research, guidebooks, peer learning groups, guest speakers and micro-credential courses in development from the University of Waterloo. N-ZAP's evidence-based recommendations will help you make a positive impact in your community.

» [SEE THE BENEFITS](#)

Municipal Fleet Electrification: Funding your way forward

From police cruisers and fire trucks to garbage and compost collection vehicles, municipalities are electrifying their fleets with GMF funding to save on fuel and maintenance, create local jobs and deliver cleaner, quieter streets.

Access up to \$200K to plan and \$10M to get to work. Don't forget you can stack GMF offers with federal and provincial incentives to stretch budgets further.

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Funding available for climate resilience projects

Co-operators Resilience Acceleration Lab is inviting municipalities to apply for funding to develop infrastructure projects that reduce physical climate risks, including flooding, wildfires, storms and heat. Selected proposals may receive up to \$250,000 and expert guidance to prepare for private capital financing. Email resilience@cooperators.ca to join the final information session on January 15 from 12-1 p.m. ET. Apply by January 30.

» [FULL DETAILS HERE](#)

LOCAL DATA

Statistics Canada: Fighting misinformation

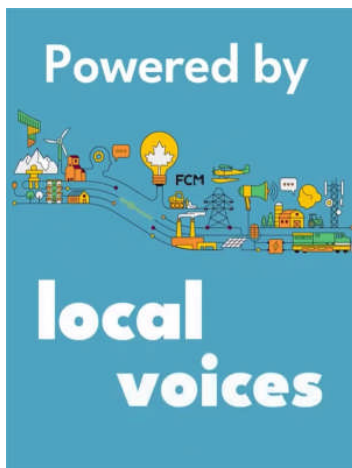
Statistics Canada is launching a new suite of tools to help users identify and prevent the spread of misinformation when working with data. The package includes *Assessing Data in a Time of Misinformation: A Step by Step Guide* to help policymakers and other decision makers verify the quality, credibility and relevance of any statistic or information source. A short companion video titled *Fighting Misinformation* also demonstrates how to apply these checks in practice, from questioning suspect figures to confirming that data truly meet reliability standards.

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When rural communities thrive, the whole country becomes more resilient, more competitive, and more connected.

FCM's Rural Forum Co-Chair Joe Masi reflects on an important year of rural advocacy and the road ahead to ensure a strong future for rural Canada.

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who understand their communities and drive change from the ground up.

Show, held June 4-7, in Edmonton

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