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Let's keep shaping the future of our communities in 2026

FCM looks forward to another year of working with you on behalf of municipalities of all sizes across the country.

In 2026, we're focused on what matters most—like delivering essential municipal infrastructure, unlocking more affordable housing, ensuring safer communities, protecting Canadians from the impacts of climate change and growing local economic resilience.

Together, let's continue to build strong and thriving communities from coast to coast to coast.

Happy New Year from FCM!

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NEWS

Shape Canada's future with an FCM Membership

FCM is powered by local voices—municipalities working together to tackle shared challenges and turn local solutions into national progress. For 125 years, FCM has amplified municipal priorities in Ottawa, ensuring our advocacy on issues like affordable housing, infrastructure renewal and public safety is heard loud and clear.

An FCM membership means results: advocacy that delivers funding, programs that strengthen communities and partnerships that drive change. Together, we shape a better future for municipalities across Canada. Become an FCM member today and join a proven partnership powered by members.

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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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Webinar: Planning collaborative climate adaptation

Climate adaptation is a collective effort, and working with external partners—such as neighbouring municipalities, Indigenous communities, equity-deserving groups and local organizations—brings perspectives and expertise that strengthen your adaptation planning.

Join us on January 29 at 1 p.m. ET for the webinar *Start Collaborating for Municipal Climate Adaptation Planning*, which focuses on identifying and developing meaningful collaboration. You will also hear insights from the District Municipality of Muskoka and the City of Toronto on engaging partners and equity-deserving communities in adaptation planning.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Trump’s tariffs have touched every part of Canada, says FCM president** | **iPolitics**

In an *iPolitics* year-end interview, FCM President Rebecca Bligh spoke about the ongoing trade war with the U.S. administration and its impact on Canadian municipalities. President Bligh discussed FCM's role in engaging with U.S. counterparts and addressing other issues, including the housing crisis and the need for increased investment in essential infrastructure across the country.

» **Jobs, economy top voters' priorities at the end of a turbulent 2025:** **Nanos poll | CBC News**

A recent Nanos survey shows the main concerns for Canadians in 2026 are jobs and the economy, which outweighed the ongoing tensions between Canada and the U.S. The other top issues for Canadians include inflation, health care and immigration.

» **Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block says Canadian cities need a “new deal” instead of relying on property taxes**

Saskatoon Mayor Cynthia Block and Tim Tierney, FCM's Vice-President, are making the argument that Canadian municipalities need a "new deal" to reduce reliance on property taxes for funding municipal services. Tierney told CBC News that FCM is working with the federal government to push for tax reform to better support municipalities on issues such as housing, homelessness and infrastructure.

RESOURCES

Funding opportunity for rural and remote economies

The Business Development Bank of Canada and Community Futures have partnered to provide the Business Elevation Loan to support entrepreneurs in rural and remote communities across Canada. Small and medium-sized enterprises can access loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000, depending on the local office. FCM encourages you to share this opportunity with local businesses in your community.

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Phasing out fossil fuels in community housing

An Edmonton housing co-operative has taken bold steps to modernize its townhouse complex, which was built in the late 1970s. Through a member-led process, the co-op committed to a deep energy retrofit with improved insulation, new windows and doors and upgraded roofing and ventilation systems with full electrification and rooftop solar panels.

The result is a community that has eliminated natural gas use and reduced energy consumption by up to 84 percent, which could translate to as much as \$100,000 in combined annual savings.

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Turn waste into local energy

Organic waste is an overlooked source of local energy. With GMF funding, you can assess and implement projects that generate energy from landfills, wastewater and composting. These systems can lower landfill operating costs and waste disposal fees, while also creating new revenue through energy and useful by-products.

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Win FCM Registration and Help Shape Tourism's Future

Tourism fuels local economies and strengthens communities— and your insights matter. Complete this short, five-minute survey for a chance to win a complimentary registration to the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show. Destination Canada wants to hear from municipal leaders shaping the future of sustainable economic tourism development and help to ensure communities like yours play a leading role in Canada's visitor economy.

» TAKE THE SURVEY

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

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"We're really at the end of the line as far as budgeting goes for a lot of municipalities right now and tough decisions are being made." - FCM's 1st VP [@timtierney.ca](https://twitter.com/timtierney) on the need for municipal fiscal reform in Canada.

[www.cbc.ca/news/canada/..](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/)

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What a year!
From a federal election to



"Municipalities are nation builders, [...] yet our revenue tools and how municipalities are funded dates back to Confederation." – [@rebeccaleeblich](https://twitter.com/rebeccaleeblich), FCM President

<https://t.co/sFwPV7JURj>

FCM is calling for a modern fiscal partnership that guarantees municipalities fair access to funding and invests in the infrastructure that makes housing possible.

It's time to make municipalities whole so communities can deliver the

global economic challenges and everything in between, FCM has been proud to advocate for our 2,000+ members from coast to coast to coast.

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Here's to continuing our shared work to build strong communities in 2026.

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