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### Collective webinar: Partnering for impact with YMCA Canada

Our first Collective webinar of the year is fast approaching! On January 28, we're partnering with YMCA Canada to explore practical insights into partnership models, lessons learned and strategies for aligning municipal priorities like affordable housing or expanding recreation options 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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## NEWS

[Help shape Canada's Rural Development Action Plan](#)

A stronger Canadian economy begins with robust, empowered rural communities and as local leaders, you play a key role in making that happen. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) is developing a Rural Development Action Plan and FCM is encouraging rural members to participate in this important federal consultation to ensure local priorities are reflected. FCM has sent a submission to the federal government to inform this plan. The consultation is open until February 6.

Please refer to [ISED's consultation guide](#) for additional information and use the [rural report summary](#) to guide your submission.

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### **FCM's GMF Council is recruiting a new elected municipal official**

FCM is seeking an elected municipal official from Alberta, Manitoba or the Canadian Territories to join the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council. We're looking for a recognized community champion with the knowledge and skills to review technical and financial information in municipal sustainability project applications.

Since inception, we're proud to have supported homegrown projects in clean energy, cost-saving transportation, cost-saving home energy upgrades and climate resilience. Join the council to help guide strategic investments in innovative municipal initiatives that strengthen communities and build a more sustainable, prosperous Canada. Application deadline has been extended to February 9.

» **APPLY NOW**

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## **EVENTS**

### **Lessons in emergency shelter transformation**

Ending homelessness is possible. The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa is hosting an event to learn from two community leaders from Calgary and Niagara that have seen dramatic decreases in shelter use through diversion, prevention and shelter transformation. Join the event in person in Ottawa by registering online or host a viewing party in your community with local leaders in homelessness and housing. To host a viewing party in your community, contact the Alliance at [info@endhomelessnessottawa.ca](mailto:info@endhomelessnessottawa.ca).

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## **FCM IN THE NEWS**

### **» FCM VP reflects on tumultuous 2025, rising municipal influence | Municipal World**

FCM's First Vice-President Tim Tierney discussed FCM's advocacy efforts over the past year, including recent missions to the U.S. during the trade war, as well as the municipalities' ongoing priorities, such as outdated infrastructure, affordability and the

housing crisis. Tierney also outlined FCM's priorities for 2026, highlighting FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show in Edmonton in June.

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» **Property taxation: an outdated system for Canadian cities? | OHdio | Radio-Canada**

FCM's Third Vice-President and Mayor of Dorval, Marc Doret, spoke with Radio-Canada about the municipal property tax system and the need for increased federal financial support to address the most pressing and growing challenges municipalities face.

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» **Canada reaches tariff-quota deal with China on EVs, canola | CBC News**

Canada and China struck an agreement that will allow up to 49,000 Chinese electric vehicles into the Canadian market each year, at a 6.1 per cent tariff. In turn, China will drop canola seed duties to 15 per cent by March, and waive tariffs on Canadian canola meal, lobsters, crabs and peas from March to at least the end of the year.

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» **AMM outlines 2026 advocacy, tours, and municipal priorities | Discover Westman**

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) is starting the new year by reconnecting directly with local governments through its regular municipal tour schedule. "We had strong momentum with our national advocacy in Ottawa, particularly through advocacy days held in October," said AMM President Kathy Valentino.

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## RESOURCES

### **Funding and resources to help you manage the trees in your community**

Urban forest management plans help municipalities grow healthier, more connected and climate-resilient communities. If your municipality is updating a tree planting strategy, developing a new urban forestry policy, or analyzing canopy cover, you can now apply for up to \$175,000 through GMF's new *Urban forestry plans and studies funding*. No matter the size of your community, you can access resources and coaching services to help you succeed and ensure the plan or study you create provides maximum benefits to your community.

» **START YOUR APPLICATION**

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### **Settlement notice: Opioid class action lawsuit**

A proposed settlement has been reached with Mylan Pharmaceuticals in a class action lawsuit related to opioid dependency and addiction brought on behalf of municipalities in Canada. FCM has been asked by Napoli Shkolnik Canada to share the attached **settlement notice** to ensure that any potentially affected municipalities are informed. FCM is not directly involved in the litigation. For more information,

please visit [Napoli Shkolnik Canada Mylan Settlement](#) or contact the law firm directly at 1-888-531-0675.

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### Win AC2026 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.

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