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FCM calls for faster flow of infrastructure funds



Last week, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus met in Ottawa on issues affecting Canada's largest urban centres. The agenda included engagements with Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Gregor Robertson, Minister of Finance and

National Revenue François-Philippe Champagne and Minister of Transport Steven MacKinnon.

During these meetings, FCM reaffirmed a shared ambition with the federal government to move quickly on key infrastructure projects, ensuring that all municipalities can proceed in time for the upcoming construction season.

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NEWS

Climate-proofing public infrastructure pays off

A new report from the Canadian Climate Institute confirms what municipal leaders already know: Canada can't afford to delay climate adaptation.

With aging local infrastructure facing rising climate risks, it costs far less to prepare now than it would to repair later. In fact, proactive and early investment in adapting public infrastructure will immediately begin to produce between \$5 and \$10 billion in savings per year, compared to adapting infrastructure when it's due for replacement or no adaptation at all.

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Canada–Benin municipal cooperation in action through PMI-WILL

During International Development Week, Beninese and Canadian partners came together to celebrate the progress in strengthening women's representation in local governance, including efforts to train and mentor women candidates during the recent local elections, in line with Global Affairs Canada's focus on inclusive governance.

The Beninese Ministry of Decentralization and Local Governance representative underscored the value of building municipal knowledge and skills on gender equality and inclusion, now integrated across local planning processes. Partner municipalities also shared lessons learned from peer-to-peer exchanges with Canadian municipalities, from expanding economic opportunities for vulnerable groups to improving the accessibility of municipal infrastructure.

This gathering shows how municipal partnerships across borders can turn shared knowledge into real impact for communities, reinforcing the importance of peer-to-peer collaboration in advancing inclusive and responsive local governance.

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Secretary of State Randeep Sarai in conversation with municipal leaders on the Indo-Pacific

We were pleased to welcome the Honourable Randeep Sarai, Secretary of State for International Development, to FCM for a timely discussion with municipal leaders and representatives on Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy, Vietnam and the essential role municipalities play in an increasingly complex global landscape. The exchange reinforced the importance of aligning trade and development objectives within FCM's international programming, including the new Viet Nam Climate Resilient Municipalities project, funded by Global Affairs Canada. It also underscored the strength of Canada's partnerships in the region and the value of municipal expertise.

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EVENTS

Last chance to register: What a national Buy Canadian policy means for local procurement

Municipalities collectively represent one of the largest public procurement vehicles in the country—purchasing even more goods and services than the federal government annually. Local governments across Canada have been introducing procurement policies to support Canadian suppliers, but challenges in fully embracing a Buy Canadian approach remain.

In collaboration with Canoe Procurement, our next Collective webinar will uncover the economic and legal implications for municipalities with the adoption of a new federal Buy Canadian policy. Join us on February 11 at 12 p.m. ET to assess how to best move forward with this approach and harness the tools to leverage it for your local economy.

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Workshop: Rooting Reconciliation in urban forestry efforts

For municipalities, engaging in Reconciliation is essential to moving from broad commitments to real, on-the-ground actions. Join us for *Rooting Reconciliation in urban forestry efforts*, an in-person workshop in Smoky Lake, AB, from March 11–12. Gather practical information and nurture connections that will help you incorporate traditional ecological knowledge, advance Reconciliation and sustainably manage your urban forests. Register before February 13.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Josh Morgan, Big City Mayors meet with Carney over infrastructure funding | CTV News**

London Mayor Josh Morgan was in Ottawa this week, leading a delegation of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus in a meeting with Prime Minister Mark Carney. The mayors aligned on shared ambitions and agreed with the federal government funding needs to reach municipalities before the start of this construction season, so key housing and infrastructure projects are not delayed.

» **Mayors of major cities are in Ottawa to discuss the most pressing issues | Radio-Canada Ohdio | Les matins d'ici [00:00-03:05]**

With the construction season approaching, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus met in Ottawa for a series of meetings—including one with Prime Minister Mark Carney—to address shared challenges such as the housing crisis, the state of infrastructure, and the municipal taxation system.

» **Government tables bill giving Build Canada Homes land acquisition power | CBC News**

The federal government introduced legislation to establish *Build Canada Homes* as a Crown corporation. If approved, the new agency would have authority over land acquisition and could partner with private developers. *Canada Lands Company* would also be incorporated into *Build Canada Homes*.

» **AMM president pushes MPs to pass bail reform bill, make streets safer | Winnipeg Free Press**

The Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) and its president, Kathy Valentino, are urging the federal government and MPs to expedite the passage of Bill C-14, which aims to reform bail and sentencing. Valentino recently appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights in Ottawa to discuss this matter and keep violent repeat offenders off the streets.

RESOURCES

Applications now open: GMF's Sustainable Municipal Buildings funding

The Sustainable Municipal Buildings offer will help you achieve energy savings and improve service delivery in your community's most popular and critical buildings. When working on a building owned by a municipal government—whether it's a town hall, indoor arena, public library or other—you can access funding for energy retrofits or the construction of new, efficient facilities.

As the Community Buildings Retrofit initiative comes to an end, GMF continues to support energy upgrades to municipally owned community buildings through the SMB offer. GMF staff are available to guide municipalities through this transition.

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Thank you for the positive conversation, PM [@MarkJCarney](#) and Min. [@gregorroberson](#).



Canada's construction season is almost here, and all orders of government share the same goal:

GETTING ESSENTIAL PROJECTS BUILT.

Keeping funds moving will help communities break ground on time.

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