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AC2026: Prairie and Northern voices shaping Canada's future

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Prairie and territorial municipal leaders will find forward-looking, solutions-driven learning opportunities at AC2026. Start with the ***Building Canada's future: Infrastructure, housing and economic insights*** workshop where a dynamic panel explores how

municipal leaders can collaborate with industry, private finance, other orders of government and their own teams to accelerate community building.

Then join *How satellite technology is advancing cellular and internet connectivity for rural communities, and enabling enhanced safety for government employees and remote solutions for critical infrastructure management*. This workshop showcases how expanded satellite coverage is strengthening emergency services, enabling remote infrastructure monitoring and improving connectivity across rural, remote and Indigenous regions.

And that's just the beginning! Discover even more workshops tailored to your needs on our website. Join us in Edmonton and help shape Canada's municipal future—let's build the future together.

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NEWS

This morning, the federal government unveiled details on the new **Build Communities Strong Fund**, the primary vehicle for federal infrastructure funding. Stay tuned for an advocacy update from FCM on this announcement.

Federal government announces renewal of Building Safer Communities Fund

Last week, the federal government announced up to \$157.5M over three years to replenish the successful Building Safer Communities Fund, a critical program that helps municipalities across the country advance community-based efforts to address the root causes of gun and gang violence.

This investment responds to FCM's advocacy for crime prevention programming that helps keep young people away from gangs, drugs and violence. Community-led, upstream interventions are essential to supporting at-risk youth, meeting local needs and stopping gun crime and gang violence before it starts.

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EVENTS

What to do about the resilience infrastructure funding gap

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change and know what it takes to build climate resilience. Join FCM, Addenda Capital and Co-operators on April 23 at 12 p.m. (ET) to explore Co-operators' Resilience Acceleration Lab—an innovative investing initiative designed to help Canadian municipalities finance climate-resilient infrastructure. Hear how other municipal leaders are thinking creatively about resilience projects, including how to address the growing infrastructure gap, and how

this resource can help you move towards climate resilient communities and economies.

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FCM IN THE NEWS

» **Canada Post says it will move ahead with plan to end home delivery | Global News**

Canada Post has announced it will proceed with its modernization plan, which will cease door-to-door mail delivery across the country and result in the closure of some post offices.

» **Better transit makes our cities stronger: These cuts won't help | Toronto Sun**

Columnist Mark Wessel's op-ed about the importance of the Canadian Public Transit Fund, where he says, "Unsurprisingly, FCM and mayors from leading cities across the country have also publicly asked the Carney government to reinstate the \$5 billion cut."

» **Ottawa launches consultation on national anti-fraud strategy | CityNews**

The federal government announced that it will conduct consultations over the next four weeks on a national strategy to combat economic crime activities targeting Canadians and businesses.

» **Cochrane Mayor pushes premier to expand off-site levies for growth infrastructure | CochraneNow**

The City of Cochrane will introduce a resolution at the Alberta Municipalities Association's fall convention, urging the province to grant municipalities greater flexibility in charging developers for growth-related infrastructure.

RESOURCES

Funding now available: GMF's Accelerating circularity in construction materials offer

The Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is now accepting applications for *Accelerating Circularity in Construction Materials*, a funding and a 2-year peer learning cohort opportunity to help Canadian municipalities reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste and advance circular solutions.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$100,000 in grant funding, covering 50% to 80% of eligible costs, and up to 100% for Northern and eligible Indigenous first-time applicants. Applications are open until June 26.

Want to learn more? [Register for our webinar](#) on Thursday, April 16 at 2 p.m. (ET).

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Case study: How Kitchener is scaling up its urban canopy cover

With support from GMF's Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative, the City of Kitchener, ON, has embarked on a transformative journey to expand its tree canopy and ensure all residents receive the benefits of trees. Watch the video case study to learn about the ambitious journey to plant more than 19,000 trees and build a greener and healthier community for all residents.

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Monday's announcement shows governments working together to reduce the cost of housing construction and build more homes.

<https://t.co/ijx7MZ1ZVq>

Municipal development charges pay for the local infrastructure that enables housing. As municipalities work to reduce fees, municipal revenue must be fully replaced so that local governments can continue investing in infrastructure. FCM is concerned about how this will be achieved in Ontario through today's



Our call to the federal government is clear: we must reinvest in the vital



FCM is pleased to welcome Kitchener Mayor **Berry Vrbanovic** as Chair of the **Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council**, effective April 1.

With more than three decades of municipal leadership and a strong track record in sustainability, Mayor Vrbanovic brings the experience and momentum needed to help GMF continue delivering

announcement, and elsewhere as new agreements emerge.

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infrastructure that supports or economy and trade.

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