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Launch of the Canada Public Transit Fund

Following many years of advocacy, FCM was pleased to see the launch of the new Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF) on July 17, an important step forward for public transit infrastructure in Canada.

Two funding streams were opened in mid-July:

- The baseline stream, \$500 million annually, is open to existing transit systems and will support state of good repair, expansion and other capital improvements. Expressions of interest are due September 16, 2024.
- The metro-region agreement stream, \$2 billion annually, is targeted to transit expansion in metropolitan regions through Integrated Regional Plans. FCM particularly welcomes the \$20 million made available for early planning costs.

A third stream, yet to be launched, will target other priority areas like rural transit, active transportation and electrification.

FCM will continue to engage with the federal government on the details and design of the fund. This includes exploring how funding streams can be applied in communities of all sizes, making the fund permanent and indexed to ensure the fund retains its value over time, and ensuring the funding is quickly accessible to municipalities.

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NEWS

Non-board members are invited to apply for FCM Board standing committees and forums

Non-board members are invited to apply for a limited number of positions to serve on select standing committees and forums that contribute to the work of the FCM Board. The FCM President makes committee appointments based on applicants' experience, expertise and interests, as well as the need to balance regional, community size and demographic representation on each committee.

The deadline to complete the survey is August 23, 2024.

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Renew your FCM membership today

Have you renewed your 2024-2025 FCM membership? Now is the time to do so to unlock the many benefits that come with being an FCM member.

Now more than ever, Canadian municipalities are on the frontlines of our country's most pressing challenges. Our voice grows stronger with each member, amplifying our influence and driving much-needed change. In this unique moment where FCM is championing a new Municipal Growth Framework, the strength of our collective voice has never been so important.

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Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program opens applications

The federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program, which

supports retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing publicly accessible community buildings and the construction of new community buildings, is opening a new application intake:

- **Small and medium retrofits:** Retrofit existing community buildings ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,999,999.

Applications open August 1 until October 16 at 3 pm ET.

- **Large retrofits and new builds:** Retrofit existing community buildings or projects to build new community buildings ranging from 3-5 million dollars.

Applications open September 4 until October 16 at 3 pm ET.

» [LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND UPCOMING WEBINARS](#)

Empower your community: Unlock climate resilience funding

Is your community prepared for climate challenges? The Green Municipal Fund is offering new funding for long-term climate resilience, with up to \$1 million in eligible costs for climate adaptation implementation projects and \$70,000 for feasibility studies.

From upgrading flood defences and creating green spaces to prioritizing infrastructure and rehabilitating shorelines, community resilience is now within reach. If your municipality is ready to implement adaptation projects and has completed climate adaptation plans or climate change risk assessments, this initiative could be your next step towards tangible resilience improvements. Discover how this funding can transform your community.

» [APPLY FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING](#)

» [APPLY FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES FUNDING](#)

RESOURCES

Explore sustainability solutions with our projects database

We are excited to announce the launch of the revamped Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Project Database! With a new user-friendly search function and updated information about all GMF-funded projects across Canada, this tool is a must-have for municipal staff looking for inspiration in sustainable solutions or key information about GMF's funding opportunities.

» [EXPLORE THE DATABASE](#)

Learn how to plan a community efficiency financing program

Looking to make a meaningful difference in your community's energy consumption? GMF's course, *Planning a Community Efficiency Financing program*, provides step-by-

step guidance and practical examples to help you create a compelling business case for a home energy upgrade financing program that meets the unique needs of your community.

Participants learn how to set achievable goals, assess target audiences, review available financing models and engage stakeholders crucial to the success of the program.

» [REGISTER FOR THE COURSE](#)

Healthier, more energy-efficient homes for community housing residents

Through a partnership between Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) and The Atmospheric Fund (TAF), a regional climate agency that invests in low-carbon solutions, the 1,500 residents of seven newly retrofitted buildings are now benefitting from greater comfort and improved air quality thanks to energy-efficient equipment and energy-monitoring technology. TCHC is using its success with a streamlined project approach and an innovative financing model to inform further retrofits so that Toronto and other municipalities can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and utility costs in affordable housing.

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Setting net-zero standards: Vancouver builds Canada's first Passive House firehall

Discover the City of Vancouver's groundbreaking achievement with Canada's first Passive House firehall! The newly built Fire Hall #17 sets new sustainability standards, delivering impressive results:

- 645 GJ/year of natural gas use eliminated
- 33 tonnes/year of GHG emissions eliminated
- 91% waste diversion rate during demolition
- 40% decrease in water use for non-fire-training operations

This project showcases how municipal buildings can achieve zero emissions while maintaining high functionality and resilience.

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LOCAL DATA

Municipal Financial Data Dashboard

Statistics Canada has updated its Municipal Financial Data Dashboard on the Centre for Municipal and Local Data portal. The interactive dashboard now includes two more years of

data for 37 individual cities in Canada and provides transparent financial data and indicators at the municipality level.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



July 23: Our new guide for municipal leaders introduces UNDRIP, outlines how municipalities of all sizes can explore its implementation and illustrates how municipalities can build renewed and respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

Learn more here:
<https://t.co/aXEBYlBWJs>

July 25: Our thoughts are with Mayor Richard Ireland and the people of [#Jasper](#) this morning. We offer our full support to the community and local authorities.

These wildfires stress the crucial role municipalities play to serve communities and the need for increased federal support to tackle extreme weather events.

July 25: Municipalities are tackling 21st century problems with 19th century tools.

That's why FCM is pushing for a new Municipal Growth Framework to help address our most pressing national challenges.

Learn more:
<https://t.co/flvUtTfdvB>



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