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## FCM pinpoints Canadian Communities' Most Vital Needs for 2025

FCM is keenly aware that Canadians are struggling amid an affordability crisis and the cost of living.

That's why, for over a year, we have been making the case that by modernizing how Canada funds municipalities, we can give struggling families a boost in their quality of life, providing them with roads, infrastructure, parks, recreation facilities and essential local

services they can rely on.

This urgent need was at the core of the official recommendations we presented two weeks ago to the Standing Committee on Finance (FINA) ahead of Budget 2025.

These recommendations are closely focused on tackling the key issues for Canadian communities, including housing and homelessness, infrastructure renewal and resiliency as well as public safety. These recommendations pinpoint where further federal action is needed to build stronger, better-resourced communities that can grow with scale and ambition.

» [READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

## 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.

» [APPLY TODAY](#)

## EVENTS

### **One-of-a-kind sustainability conference for Canadian municipalities**

It's back! FCM is hosting the 2025 Sustainable Communities Conference on February 10-13 in Fredericton, NB—gathering hundreds of sustainability experts and municipal agents from across the country for a unique opportunity to connect and share climate solutions. With workshops, keynote sessions and training on diverse topics, you will walk away with new skills and ideas on how to tackle your community's most pressing sustainability challenges. Registration opens this fall.

» [LEARN MORE](#)

### **Webinar: Inclusive engagement for net zero acceleration projects**

Join us for a lively discussion with top experts on August 22 at 2 p.m. ET to learn inclusive engagement practices for net zero projects. Discover actionable steps to integrate equity concerns, foster meaningful relationships and ensure equitable outcomes in your projects. Gain insights and practical examples to enhance your Green Municipal Fund applications and project development. Don't miss this opportunity to transform your community's approach to sustainable development.

» [REGISTER NOW](#)

## Supporting your community building upgrades

Join our upcoming webinar on August 27 at 1 p.m. ET to learn about how the Green Municipal Fund can support your community building upgrades that aim to lower GHG emissions and save on maintenance costs.

Learn more about the Community Buildings Retrofit initiative and its free training, advisory service and resources.

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## RESOURCES

### Discover funding sources to support your next affordable housing project

Building sustainable and affordable housing can be complex, particularly when it comes to financing. Many projects rely on external funding sources to implement energy-efficient retrofits or new builds. The Green Municipal Fund's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative offers a funder list that's designed to streamline your search for financial sources at both provincial and national levels, and to serve as a strategic tool to simplify the decision-making process.

» [EXPLORE OUR LIST OF FUNDERS](#)

### Transform your community buildings with GMF funding

Municipalities can find new ways to use old community buildings while conducting energy-efficient retrofits, such as by turning a former church into a library or adding a public gym to a community centre. This approach will lower the building's GHG emissions and maintenance costs, preserve buildings with value and history and support the local economy and people's quality of life with new services.

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**The Canadian Tourism Data Collective: Industry Webinar Recording**



Watch Destination Canada's recent industry webinar, celebrating the launch of the award-winning [Canadian Tourism Data Collective](#).

This informative session dives into the platform's dynamic features and products, showcasing how it harnesses the power of data, research, and insights to boost Canada's competitiveness and fuel economic growth through data-driven decision-making.

» [WATCH THE INDUSTRY WEBINAR HERE.](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

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**Aug 6:** FCM's advocacy work has led to real wins for Canadians in the last year, empowering municipalities to build stronger communities of all sizes. We'll keep pushing for a new Municipal Growth Framework, so [#CDNMuni](#) can continue building a better quality of life for all Canadians. [Learn more](#)

**Aug 9:** On this World [#IndigenousPeoplesDay](#), and every day, FCM is committed to doing our part to advance Reconciliation in Canada. In June, we released a new guide supporting [#CDNMuni](#) leaders in learning about UNDRIP and how it can be implemented in municipal settings. [Learn more.](#)

**Jul 30:** FCM is pushing for a new Municipal Growth Framework so [#CDNMuni](#) can continue building and delivering infrastructure and services that make a real difference to Canadians' quality of life every day. [More](#)



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