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**FCM VOICE**  
Canada's voice of local government



## Making Canada's Growth a Success

Local leaders know that the need for predictable and adequate funding for municipalities to tackle today's most pressing issues grows more urgent every day. That's why FCM is urging the federal government to bring together all orders of government to discuss and develop a Municipal Growth Framework: a new, more equitable way to fund local governments.

Our advocacy paper, *Making Canada's Growth A Success*, published in June, addresses the current fiscal context, highlights how this structure is limiting Canada's progress, and offers concrete recommendations for a renewed partnership between orders of government that would enable Canada's long-term growth.

» [READ THE PAPER](#)

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## EVENTS

### Tomorrow's webinar: Helping you upgrade your community buildings

Don't miss tomorrow's event, *Find support for your community building retrofits*. Panelists will walk you through the Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR) initiative and how it can help you implement upgrades to your local facilities to lower their GHG emissions and maintenance costs.

Join us on August 27 at 1 p.m. ET to learn more about the CBR initiative and its free resources, workshops and advisory service.

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### Discover low-carbon energy solutions for municipalities

Take a free, online and self-paced course to help you plan for district energy systems and renewable energy generation systems. The *Tackling energy use in municipal and community buildings* e-learning series also has three other courses on different topics for you to explore.

When you're done, you can apply what you learned in projects that are eligible for support via GMF's Community Energy Systems funding offers.

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## RESOURCES

### Connection request: pending

Are we connected on social media?

Come find daily updates on breaking news, municipal events, our key advocacy priorities, FCM programs, corporate updates and more. Join our digital network of local leaders and municipal stakeholders on [LinkedIn](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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### Urban trees: 7 key resources and up to \$10M in funding

Explore seven new factsheets that provide practical information on urban forestry and tree planting including step-by-step guidance you can follow to ensure healthy trees in your community:

- [An urban forestry overview](#)
- [Urban forestry technology and tools](#)
- [Urban forest planning](#)
- [Tree planting process](#)
- [Tree stock selection](#)
- [Tree maintenance](#)
- [Site selection and preparation](#)

If you are considering new tree planting activities, you could be eligible for up to \$10M in funding. Applications due October 15, 2024.

» [DISCOVER THE FUNDING TODAY](#)

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### **Case study: How Winnipeg turns landfill gas into energy**

Discover how the City of Winnipeg's Brady Road Resource Management Facility makes a difference! By capturing and using landfill gas, the facility turns waste into clean energy, cutting harmful emissions and supporting the City's green goals. This innovative approach not only helps fight climate change but also brings long-term benefits to municipalities. Learn how Winnipeg leads the way toward a cleaner, greener future for the community.

» [EXPLORE THE CASE STUDY](#)

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### **Empower your community with affordable energy upgrades**

In the Town of Bridgewater, NS, the Clean Energy Financing program is making a real difference in the lives of residents facing energy poverty. This Community Efficiency Financing-funded initiative is part of the town's mission to reduce energy poverty by 20% within five years and an impressive 62% within a decade. By providing accessible financing for energy upgrades, the program is empowering homeowners to improve the comfort, health and affordability of their homes. Unlock funding opportunities for your community's energy efficiency projects.

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## **CORPORATE PARTNER**

**Destination Dialogues Webinar: Rethinking Experience Development in Canada's Destinations**



Destination Dialogues is a virtual event designed to inspire, inform and empower rural destination development professionals. Following the success of the 2023 event, Destination Canada proudly presents the second edition, with a free 90-minute webinar on September 12, 2024.

A report outlining key learnings from this session will be publicly available on our [Destination Development Knowledge Hub](#) in October.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

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



**Aug 13:** Homelessness is an acute issue in Canada that requires an all-hands-on-deck approach. FCM joins [@ONBigCityMayors](#) in calling for the provincial and federal governments to step up and work with municipalities to solve the homelessness and mental health crisis in Ontario cities. [#SolveTheCrisis](#) <http://solvethecrisis.ca>

**Aug 19:** [#CDNMuni](#) only get 8 to 10 cents for every tax dollar but are responsible for 60% of Canada's infrastructure. It simply isn't sustainable. FCM is calling for a new Municipal Growth Framework, so [#CDNMuni](#) can continue building a better quality of life for all Canadians.

Learn more:  
<https://rb.gy/sc3rvd>

**Aug 20:** Canadians are facing an affordability crisis, and local leaders know that the need for predictable and adequate funding for [#CDNMuni](#) to tackle this and other pressing issues grows more urgent every day.

FCM will keep pushing for a new Municipal Growth Framework. That's the message FCM President [@stewart\\_geoff](#) brought to [#AMO2024](#) in Ottawa today, and it's what we'll continue advocating for to the federal government this fall.



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