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## Water breakages highlight the need for infrastructure investment

This summer, a series of high profile and highly disruptive water breakages have struck Canada's major cities and impacted millions of Canadian residents and businesses.

These breakages have highlighted the need for much needed infrastructure investment.

FCM has long championed improved investment in our water and wastewater systems. A major concern in urban and rural communities, these breakages are symptoms of stretching local government budgets struggling to maintain approximately 60 percent of our infrastructure and a municipal funding system that isn't fit for a modern, growing Canada.

In **media comments** this week, FCM President Geoff Steward called the issue of aging water infrastructure an urgent one, and advocated for a new **Municipal Growth Framework** to tackle the root causes of the issue.

FCM has highlighted the need for additional federal funding for water and wastewater in our recent **recommendations for Budget 2025**. We will continue to focus closely on this vital issue and call for the federal government to convene all orders of government to negotiate this urgently needed framework.

A Municipal Growth Framework is necessary to prevent a serious infrastructure gap.

» **FIND OUT WHY**

## RESOURCES

### Integrating EDI into municipal climate action

Are you looking to get started with incorporating equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) into your municipality's climate planning? Check out the *Integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion into Municipal Climate Action* resource, produced by the Partners for Climate Protection program and delivered by FCM and ICLEI Canada. This introductory resource can help you learn the definitions of equity, diversity and inclusion, understand how EDI considerations fit into municipal climate action and overcome common challenges and concerns.

» **GET STARTED TODAY**

### Assess the feasibility of local home-energy upgrade financing

Use the *Community Efficiency Financing market guide* as a starting point to assess the potential of implementing a local financing program for energy upgrade projects in your communities. Designed to assist Canadian municipalities and their partners, the guide will help you determine the size and characteristics of your housing stock, the expected level of program uptake and the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts.

» **EXPLORE THE GUIDE**

### Municipal and Indigenous leaders collaborate in Georgian Bay

Coordinated by the Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere, the Integrated Community Energy and Climate Action Plans (ICECAP) is a collaboration between municipalities and First Nations in the region that seeks cost-effective approaches to energy management and the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Through this partnership in Georgian Bay, Ontario—a member of Partners for Climate Protection

(PCP)—we see the value in having municipal and First Nations councils building relationships, sharing knowledge and working together toward their shared climate goals.

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### Case study: Waterloo Region uses biogas to fuel wastewater facilities

Waterloo Region's wastewater plants now harness 100% of their biogas for heat and electricity thanks to new cogeneration facilities. This shift eliminates biogas flaring, annually saving \$1.5M and cutting 1,900 tons of tCO<sub>2</sub>e. Over 20 years, the project expects \$16M in savings and 38,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e reductions. Winning the 2022 Award of Excellence, this initiative highlights the region's commitment to sustainability and efficient energy use.

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**Aug 27:** Better public transit. More affordable housing and communities. Improved green spaces and municipal services. A higher quality of life.

That's the future we could have with a new Municipal Growth Framework.

More about our push to help address our most pressing national challenges:  
<https://t.co/KOYu1CHvmT>

**Aug 29:** Across the country, Canadians are struggling amid an affordability crisis and climbing cost of living.

By modernizing how **#CDNMuni** are funded, we have an opportunity to give families a boost in their quality of life with better municipal infrastructure and services. Learn how:  
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**Aug 30:** 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:  
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