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Annual report: GMF looks back on its most impactful year yet

In 2023-24, FCM's Green Municipal Fund had its most impactful year yet. We secured more than \$820 million in new funding from the Government of Canada and we invested nearly \$200 million in innovative, scalable and replicable local projects that maximized their environmental, economic and social benefits, including addressing critical issues such as housing unaffordability and energy poverty.

We've supported Canadian communities in impactful climate actions that will contribute to Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan, and we're striving to provide local leaders across the country with the resources, knowledge, and capacity make a real difference in their communities.

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EVENTS

Continental Assessment of Biodiversity and Climate Change

Canada is participating in a continent-wide assessment of biodiversity and climate change, being led by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The assessment will draw on diverse expertise to identify policy options and potential solutions to conserve biodiversity in the face of climate change.

There will be an opportunity for municipal leaders to take part in an external review of the draft report this fall. Leading up to the review period there will be two informational webinars:

- **Webinar focused on Indigenous Issues:** September 13, 1-3 p.m. (ET)
- **Informational webinar for the general public:** September 19, 2-4 p.m. (ET)

For more information visit the [USGS website](#) or write to anne.munier@ec.gc.ca.

RESOURCES

New database reveals the state of climate action in Canada municipalities

On the route to net-zero emissions, Canadian municipalities need to know where they stand today. The new database and report from the Municipal Net-Zero Action Research Partnership (N-ZAP) provide an important snapshot of the state of climate action in local governments across Canada. These survey findings can guide your decision-making as you set ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and continue to move forward on the route to net zero.

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Unlock funding opportunities for your community's energy efficiency projects

The City of Kingston's Better Homes Kingston program is a shining example of how GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative is driving impactful change in energy efficiency. By incentivizing deep energy retrofits through tiered incentives and personalized energy coaching, the program is reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption—contributing to a more sustainable future. Discover how CEF is supporting municipalities in their efforts to create a greener, more resilient Canada.

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Case study: Urban density leads to sustainable communities

As a member of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, the District Municipality of Ucluelet, BC, is dedicated to reducing local greenhouse gas emissions and creating a healthy, dynamic community. To achieve its goals, reduce infrastructure costs and improve energy efficiency, the town is developing a proactive climate action plan that commits to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050 and an urban development strategy rooted in density and walkability.

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Sept 3: The current municipal funding system in Canada simply isn't fit for our growing communities – and the proof is in the pipes.

<https://t.co/5D30OmrblM>

#CDNMuni are responsible for 60% of public infrastructure, like water and wastewater systems, while only receiving 8-10 cents per tax dollar collected in Canada.

The issue of aging water infrastructure is urgent, and is one of many issues that a modernized fiscal framework could help tackle. That's why local leaders are pushing for the **#GoC** to convene all orders of government to negotiate a new Municipal Growth Framework. **#cdnpoli**

Sept 4: The leaves are turning, the school bus and PSLs are back, and there's a crisp breeze in the air... Fall's around the corner!

As federal decision makers soon start returning to Ottawa, we'll be doubling down on our efforts to highlight the crucial need for a new Municipal Growth Framework – so **#CDNMuni** can properly fund essential services and ensure Canada's growth is a success story.

Modernized municipal funding can help unlock potential in Canada's communities, and help local leaders tackle today's most pressing issues like... **More.**

Sept 6: The time for bold, visionary and impactful ideas has come.

That's why we're calling for a conversation with all orders of government to negotiate a new Municipal Growth Framework.

Learn more:
<https://t.co/flvUtTfLI9>



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