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Canada's voice of local government



**Annual report: How GMF has empowered transformation across Canada**

In Markham, ON, one neighbourhood is connecting all its houses to a geothermal energy system, the first of its kind in Canada. In Fort Saskatchewan, AB, an affordable housing complex is using an innovative construction model to provide dozens of new net-zero homes. In Ituna, SK, an arena is using new technologies to reduce emissions and better serve the community.

These are just some of the many projects supported by FCM's Green Municipal Fund. In 2023-2024, GMF invested nearly \$200 million in projects in our most impactful year yet. We're empowering Canadian municipalities to form meaningful partnerships and take bold steps to address climate change and foster resilience.

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## NEWS

### Canada Public Transit Fund deadline extension

Following years of advocacy, FCM welcomed the launch of the new Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF) earlier this summer, an important step forward for public transit infrastructure in Canada.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest for the CPTF's Baseline Funding stream has just been extended to September 30. The Baseline Funding stream provides predictable, long-term support to communities across the country with existing transit systems.

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## RESOURCES

### Factsheets: Municipal Energy Roadmap

Find targeted solutions and strategies to achieve your long-term sustainability goals through innovative energy projects.

Whether you want to discover financing options to adopt sustainable energy technologies or implement specific solutions like low-carbon water heating, these short guides will help.

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### Accessible financing for home energy upgrades

The City of Saskatoon's new Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program is a prime example of how GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) is driving transformative change in energy efficiency. By offering flexible financing for energy retrofits, renewable energy installations and EV charging stations, the program addresses energy poverty and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Saskatoon's

PACE program is making homes more comfortable, creating local jobs and fostering a more sustainable future. Explore how CEF can help your community reduce its carbon footprint.

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### **Affordable housing providers can lead the way with innovative GMF-funded pilot projects**

GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative funds pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious energy-efficiency solutions that aim to improve environmental outcomes. With available grants of up to \$500,000 to cover up to 80 percent of eligible expenses, this fund targets leading-edge pilot projects that generate significant GHG reductions for affordable housing providers and their communities.

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### **Transforming communities with Regional Energy Coaches: A success story in Valemount**

Discover how the GMF's Regional Energy Coaches (REC) program catalyzed transformation at the Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society in rural British Columbia, integrating cutting-edge sustainable technologies to dramatically reduce energy use. This project, delivered in partnership with the Canadian Housing Transformation Centre and the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, is a shining example of how strategic REC support can lead to impactful environmental and social benefits. Inspired to see similar changes in your housing project?

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### **Case study: How a small Quebec municipality significantly reduced its GHG emissions**

Is your small municipality looking to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions? By developing an innovative climate action plan centering on green building retrofits and a transition to renewable energy, the City of Plessisville, QC, was able to reduce emissions by more than 80 tonnes while saving 30% on annual energy costs. Learn more about the actions small municipalities can take to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

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**Sept 10:** The current framework governing municipal funding hasn't been updated since the reign of Queen Victoria – yet [#CDNMuni](#) today are responsible for more infrastructure and services than ever before.

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/KOYu1CHvmT>

**Sept 12:** FCM is glad to see recognition of municipal elected officials in Quebec today. Local leaders are tireless – and often underrecognized – champions of their communities. A new Municipal Growth Framework would help capitalize on their expertise & dedication and unlock potential for the communities they serve, from adequate housing to resilient infrastructure to community safety and more. [#SemaineMunicipalites2024](#)

**Sept 12:** Local leaders in Quebec are dedicated to building strong communities amidst the evolving landscape of municipal politics. FCM is glad to participate in the Nouvelle Vague Municipale gathering today, discussing challenges and opportunities for concrete actions in municipal spaces across the province. [#CDNMuni](#)



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