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FCM VOICE
Canada's voice of local government



All 13 Canada Community-Building Fund agreements renewed

The new 10-year Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) agreements between the federal government and all 13 provinces/territories have now been signed.

FCM has been firmly advocating for the renewed CCBF agreements to continue to provide direct, predictable and long-term funding for municipalities. We are pleased to see these core principles of the fund maintained and we look forward to reviewing further information on individual agreements as they become available.

The CCBF provides funding directly to municipalities, which allows local governments of all sizes to build and renew core public infrastructure like water and wastewater systems, roads, public transit and community facilities.

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NEWS

FCM Members Survey: Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from you! FCM has commissioned Abacus Data to conduct an FCM Members Survey to hear how we can better support you and shape our future priorities.

A reminder email with your unique survey link was sent to you from Abacus Data on October 2. If it's not in your inbox, please check your spam folder. By completing it, you could win free registration for our 2025 Annual Conference and Trade Show. Fill in the survey now!

EVENTS

Collective webinar on maximizing the impact of tourism

Starting off our Collective webinar series, Destination Canada is hosting a new session on October 22 called *Designing Destinations: Maximizing the Social, Cultural and Economic Impact of Tourism*. During the webinar, three communities that have strategically shaped the type of visitation they seek will share how they measure the social ROI to match their community's values. Stay tuned as we announce the panel of speakers.

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Discover innovative climate solutions with Laura Lynch

Laura Lynch is one of our keynote speakers for FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference 2025. She is an award-winning journalist who uses her years of experience to tell Canadians what they need to know about climate change and find inspiration in unexpected places on CBC's *What On Earth*.

Join us in Fredericton, NB, from February 10-13 to learn from the experiences of others and explore proven best practices in local sustainability, affordable housing and climate adaptation.

Reduced rates offered to students and members of small (<10,000), rural, Northern and Indigenous communities. To inquire about availability, please [contact us](#).

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RESOURCES

Reconciliation and equity in municipal governance

Every Canadian municipality is unique, each with residents and community members who have their own diverse needs. Incorporating Reconciliation, anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion considerations into your municipal service delivery approaches and governance is essential to ensuring your local government can meet the needs of all residents. In our trio of factsheets, you'll find introductory definitions, tips and more to help you:

- **Contribute to Reconciliation and foster government-to-Nation relationships**
- **Incorporate anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion into municipal planning**
- **Integrate Indigenous inclusion into planning for sustainable, culturally respectful solutions**

CCRI—Leading Municipal Circular Economy

The Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) has recently launched five new resources showcasing the progress Canadian communities are making in advancing circular economy initiatives. Since 2021, CCRI has supported over 25 Canadian communities and engaged more than 600 local government representatives through CCRI's Peer-to-Peer Network. Explore these resources to discover innovative strategies and successes across the country.

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Webinar on the business case for planting trees

Are you curious about the benefits of tree planting and how communities can make the case for planting and protecting trees? Watch *The business case for planting trees* webinar to learn from experts about the vast benefits of trees in urban settings. Discover the long-term benefits of tree planting, which include improving public health, lowering municipal infrastructure costs and reducing climate-related risks.

» **WATCH TODAY**

How CEF can support energy retrofits in your community

The Better Homes Loan Program in Ottawa is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships in driving energy efficiency. With initial seed funding from GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative, the program partnered with Vancity Community Investment Bank (VCIB) to offer long-term financing to homeowners for energy-efficient retrofits. The success of this model led to a \$30-million investment from VCIB for program expansion, demonstrating the ability of CEF to leverage private capital for greater impact. CEF is fostering innovative financing models to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future.

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Net zero indoor ice rinks using low-carbon measures

Transitioning an indoor ice rink to net zero can improve energy efficiency, lower GHGs and reduce operating costs. Our guidebook, *Taking your indoor ice rink to net zero*, builds on the results and lessons learned from successful transitions and provides an actionable roadmap for municipalities. Find helpful information to get started on your net-zero retrofit plan.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

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Destination Canada Announces Four New Tourism Corridors

The **Tourism Corridor Strategy Program** aims to contribute to a more resilient tourism industry through accelerated destination development of multiple corridors across Canada. This program crosses provincial and territorial boundaries, bringing together tourism organizations to develop iconic new journeys for travellers to explore.

This program is a key initiative of **Destination Canada's 2030 Tourism Strategy** with its bold goal to propel Canada back into the Top 7 global tourism destinations.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Oct 1: This October, we recognize and celebrate women, girls and non-binary people who have paved the way for future generations, and made their communities better, more inclusive places to live. Happy Womens History Month!

Oct 4: FCM joins Indigenous communities in mourning the mothers, sisters, daughters and friends whose lives have been taken too soon amidst the #MMIWG crisis in Canada. We commit to advocating for safety for all Indigenous women and girls.

Oct 4: NEW WEBINAR | On October 22, join [@DestinationCAN](#) and a panel of experts to dig into the social, cultural and economic effects of tourism, and how to maximize that impact.

Register now:
<https://t.co/Bm4pYtNylf>



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