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Urgent action on homelessness needed

Last week, FCM launched a new campaign aimed at raising awareness and pushing for action from the federal government on homelessness and encampments in cities and communities across the country.

Local leaders are on the front lines of tackling homelessness but are working with limited resources. As winter looms and needs intensify, shelters fill up and community resources

are stretched to the limit. FCM is calling on the federal government to distribute now essential funds through the Reaching Home program as well as funds previously promised to tackle the issue of encampments.

The urgency of the homelessness crisis in Canada is real, as should be the solutions.

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NEWS

Plan ahead with climate adaption funding

Get started with a plan. The Green Municipal Fund's Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding offers up to \$140,000 to help municipalities develop strategic climate adaptation plans that strengthen communities against climate risks.

Designed for communities of all sizes, Climate-Ready Plans and Processes funding can help your municipality focus on building long-term resilience and address multiple local climate hazards head-on. Conduct a climate risk assessment or develop a climate adaptation plan with funding that includes considerations for equity and inclusion. Your municipality can proactively adapt to climate risks, reduce the impacts of extreme weather events and ensure that all community members benefit from the results.

By starting with a plan, your community can integrate climate resilience into their municipal processes and work toward a better, more sustainable and secure future for all residents.

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Funding to strengthen community resilience by planting new trees

Did you know that planting new trees can boost your community's resilience to flooding, erosion, heat and other climate risks? No matter your community's experience with tree planting, you can access up to \$10M in funding along with expertise in urban forestry to ensure you plant the right type of trees in the right places, making a a lasting and significant impact in your community. Enhance your community's resilience to flooding through planting in flood-prone areas to increase soil stability. You can also reduce urban heat island effects by growing your canopies, thus lowering temperature.

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EVENTS

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Last chance to register for our Collective webinar

Have you registered for our latest Collective webinar yet? It's not too late to sign up for tomorrow's session hosted by Destination Canada. *Designing Destinations: Maximizing the Social, Cultural and Economic Impact of Tourism* is a webinar that explores how intentional destination development is becoming an important factor in the visitor economy. 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.

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Networking opportunity at the SCC 2025

From Conquerall Bank to Squamish and Stratford to Edmonton, your peers are facing many of the same sustainability challenges as you are and working to build stronger, healthier communities across Canada. Become inspired by their stories and tap into a network focused on joint action for sustainable, equitable change at the local level.

Come to the Sustainable Communities Conference from February 10-13 in Fredericton, NB.

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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Centre for Income and Socio-Economic Well-being Statistics

Statistics Canada's Centre for Income and Socio-Economic Well-being Statistics (CISWS) is working with Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada to investigate the evolution of residential zoning bylaws in Canada and, more generally,

what impact by-law changes have had on housing stock. Given that zoning categories are not uniform across the country, CISWS is seeking input from members of FCM on what the best practices are for both collecting this type of historical data and harmonizing zoning codes across different municipalities. This research will help improve infrastructure planning.

If you would like to be involved in this research, please reach out to rania.abdulla@statcan.gc.ca.

RESOURCES

N-ZAP's Database reveals the state of climate action in Canadian 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.

» [EXPLORE THE DATABASE](#)

Track your progress in reducing GHGs

Are you looking for a tool that helps you track your progress in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in your community? Check out the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Milestone Tool. It's a user-friendly, web-based resource that helps municipalities prepare GHG inventories, set targets, build action plans and track progress on implementation.

*PCP is managed and delivered by FCM and **ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability Canada** (ICLEI Canada) and receives financial support from the Government of Canada and ICLEI Canada.*

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GMF's CEF initiative empowers homeowners to make energy-efficient upgrades

St. Albert is taking a significant step towards a more sustainable future with its new Property Assessed Clean Energy program, supported by GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative. This innovative financing model empowers homeowners to make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes with no upfront costs. Designed with equity in mind, the program aims to address energy poverty and ensure accessibility for all residents, regardless of their energy literacy levels. Incentives are also available to encourage participation and deeper energy retrofits.

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From oil to electric: BC's sustainable transformation

Are you looking for inspiration to achieve your municipality's sustainability goals? The community of Bella Bella, BC, is leading the way by replacing oil furnaces with electric heat pumps! Supported by the Green Municipal Fund, this initiative reduces greenhouse gas emissions and lowers heating costs for residents. With 98 homes already retrofitted, each household is saving an estimated 1,771 litres of fuel annually.

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Oct 15: This June, 3,100 delegates came together in [@cityofcalgary](#) for one of our most impactful Annual Conference and Trade Shows yet. Relive the experience with [@MunicipalWorld](#)'s special digital magazine, available now.

Oct 17: Encampments across the country are growing – and winter will only worsen things for people dealing with homelessness. The urgency of the crisis is real.

Our most vulnerable need the measures promised in Budget 2024. What's the federal government waiting for?

Canadians expect a real plan to end homelessness. Let's act now.

<https://t.co/TDAuJquDQa>

Oct 20: Congratulations to all councillors and mayors who were elected to represent their communities in Nova Scotia yesterday, including new [@hfxgov](#) Mayor [@AndyFillmoreHFX](#) who will sit on FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus. [#CDNMuni](#) [#nspoli](#)

FCM looks forward to working together to advance local solutions and increase quality of life for Nova Scotians across the province.

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