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Federal government launches Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) just launched a suite of tools, resources and support services available to communities to help them adapt their infrastructure to changing climate conditions and reduce GHG emissions during new home and infrastructure construction.

The Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure includes a help desk to provide direct support, a roster of climate and infrastructure experts to share technical advice and the Climate Insight Platform, a website designed to facilitate access to curated resources for communities.

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NEWS

Municipal leaders honoured by Clean50 Award

Congratulations to Former Mayor of Halifax Mike Savage and Regina City Councillor Shanon Zachidniak on each having recently been recognized for their remarkable climate leadership with the 2025 Clean50 Award, which honours the accomplishments of forward-thinking leaders who are tackling climate change – one innovative solution at a time.

Mike Savage is recognized for his relentless climate action efforts which have led to the ambitious HalifACT plan, steering the City of Halifax on a path to net-zero emissions by 2050.

By helping their communities transition to a low-carbon economy, these two leaders are true champions for climate action in their communities.

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GMF's Accelerating Community Energy Systems initiative

FCM's Green Municipal Fund is thrilled to introduce the launch of the Accelerating Community Energy Systems (CES) program, offering Canadian municipalities up to \$200,000 in funding and a two-year peer learning program. This new initiative and funding opportunity is designed to amplify and fast-track community energy system initiatives across Canadian municipalities.

Do you have an innovative community energy project in mind? Apply today for funding of up to \$200K through this program and be part of a learning program that will help your community design an energy system that delivers renewable energy solutions, reduces emissions and costs, and enhances resiliency. Applications are open until February 21, 2025.

For more information, [register for our webinar](#) on November 21 at 2 p.m. ET.

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EVENTS

Climate adaptation at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference

Municipalities across Canada are taking action to protect their residents from persistent and intensifying climate changes. Learn from local leaders and experts about the latest in support, resources and best practices for integrating climate resilience into your community planning and operations at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference from February 10-13, 2025, in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Early bird rates are still available.

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

Bloomberg Philanthropies 2025 Global Mayors Challenge

Applications are open for the Bloomberg Philanthropies 2025 Global Mayors Challenge. Cities from around the world with populations of 100,000 or more are invited to apply with ideas to reimagine their most essential municipal services, ranging from public transportation to waste management, in addition to housing and shelter, emergency response and more.

In this year's challenge, 50 finalists will receive piloting funds and coaching to test and improve their ideas with residents. From the 50 finalists, 25 winning cities will receive \$1 million, operational assistance and coaching support. Applications are open until December 20 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

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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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Helping Canada achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Unit at Employment and Social Development Canada is currently working on Canada's 2025 Annual Report for the SDGs, which will be released in the Summer of 2025. This upcoming report will focus on sharing impact stories that highlight significant progress and achievements toward the SDGs in 2024.

Given the critical role municipal governments play in advancing these goals, the SDG Unit is looking for contributions to its annual report by sharing relevant impact stories

that reflect work underway within your areas of responsibility. Information sessions will be held in English and French.

» [FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SHARE YOUR STORY](#)

How to set and document municipal levels of service

Levels of service describe how your residents and businesses experience the services your municipal assets provide. By setting and monitoring levels of service, you can more effectively provide drinking water, collect waste, manage stormwater and more while reducing operating and maintenance costs. Explore our suite of resources to learn more about how to set and maintain levels of service.

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How to set greenhouse gas reduction targets for Canadian cities

Are you looking for a resource to help your municipality establish and meet greenhouse gas reduction targets? FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program can help with a guide that offers advice on how to develop targets and climate action plans aimed at establishing healthier, more sustainable communities. Learn how to identify factors influencing greenhouse gas emissions and what your community can do to build an effective climate approach.

» [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Navigating energy efficient affordable housing projects

Affordable housing providers in Canada face a unique set of challenges: financial constraints, aging infrastructure, and the need to keep rents low. Developed in collaboration with experienced housing providers, GMF's Housing Providers' Toolkit addresses these issues, offering tools for energy benchmarking and project cash flow analysis. Tackle these challenges head-on and pave the way for sustainable, affordable living spaces.

» [EXPLORE THE TOOLKIT](#)

LOCAL DATA

New Snapshot of Canada's Transportation and Water Infrastructure

Statistics Canada, in partnership with Infrastructure Canada, has released 2022 data that provide a snapshot of transportation and water infrastructure across the country through [Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey](#).

These data help all levels of government to develop more evidence and results-based policies to improve Canada’s core public infrastructure, and to monitor and report on the progress of these investments. For more information, please refer to the [Infrastructure Statistics Hub](#).

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Oct 23: Thank you to [@Val_Plante](#) for working hard for Montrealers every single day for a greener, more inclusive city – and for being an excellent advocate for municipal priorities through her work with FCM’s Big City Mayors’ Caucus.

FCM and local leaders from across the country wish you well and look forward to important shared work ahead until the end of your mandate, as we continue to meet the challenges that await us in the coming year. [#CDNMuni](#)

Oct 23: Earlier today, the Big City Mayors’ Caucus welcomed Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada [@viraniarif](#) for an insightful conversation about community safety, combatting auto theft, and work being done on bail reform. We look forward to continued partnership as we work together toward safer communities across Canada. [#CDNMuni](#)

Oct 24: If you haven’t done so yet, take a look back at [#FCM2024AC](#) with [@MunicipalWorld](#)’s special digital issue, highlighting incredible moments, important conversations and key insights from our 2024 Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary.



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