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## New webinar: Helping build resiliency and supporting mental health for elected officials

With municipal and provincial elections taking place from coast to coast to coast and a federal election on the horizon, politics is taking on a whole new life in the social and public sphere.

Join us for a FREE Collective webinar with healthcare services provider GreenShield that

explores strategies and practices to help cultivate environments where individuals feel respected and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents. Our panel will share insights and solutions to create more supportive environments for candidates seeking election to public office.

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## NEWS

### RTSF: Closure of Planning and Design Projects stream intake

The Planning and Design Projects stream under the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF) will close on Thursday, November 28 at 3:00 p.m. ET. Before applying, applicants are encouraged to review the [Planning and Design Projects Stream Applicant Guide](#), as well as the [Step-by-Step Guide for Applications to the Planning and Design Projects Stream](#).

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will host a Planning and Design Project webinar for potential applicants on Tuesday, November 5, 1–2 p.m. ET. Any inquiries related to the RTSF may be submitted to [rtsf-fstcr@infc.gc.ca](mailto:rtsf-fstcr@infc.gc.ca).

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## EVENTS

### SCC 2025: Save up to \$200 per registration!

The action we take today to address climate threats and related impacts will help shape our communities for decades to come. That's why FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference is bringing hundreds of people together to learn from each other, share proven best practices in local sustainability and embrace practical solutions that work.

Come to the conference from February 10-13, 2025, in Fredericton, New Brunswick, for the chance to build connections and find ways to future-proof your hometown. Save up to \$200 by registering before December 13, 2024.

*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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### Webinar on new GMF funding and support to accelerate community energy systems

Discover how GMF's Accelerating community energy systems funded learning offer can support your municipality's energy goals. Join us on Thursday, November 21, from 2-3 p.m. ET for a webinar where experts will share insights on securing funding and implementing community energy projects. Hear from municipalities leading the

way in decarbonization and discover how to take your energy strategy to the next level.

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## RESOURCES

### **Building a legacy of asset management**

Over the last eight years, our Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) has played a significant role in advancing asset management practices across Canada. Since 2017, we've provided funding, training and resources to communities of all sizes to help them evolve their asset management practices and make informed, data-driven infrastructure decisions.

With a \$63.7 million investment in 1,587 projects and extensive training, the program has fostered sustainable practices that prolong the lifespan of public infrastructure, enhance service delivery and improve resident quality of life.

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### **Funding to enhance your community's well-being by planting new trees**

Did you know that planting trees can significantly improve your community's well-being and enhance biodiversity? You can access up to \$10M in funding along with expert advice on tree planting and maintenance to boost your community's green spaces. Trees are a vital natural asset that provide critical services from improving air quality to fighting climate change. Apply for tree planting funding to leverage the many benefits of trees in your community.

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### **Financing tools for local climate action**

Financing municipal sustainability initiatives is a significant challenge for cities and communities of all sizes. FCM and ICLEI Canada's Partners for Climate Protection program created a guide that explains how local governments can develop new types of financing to drive climate action on a large scale, moving from small projects and pilots to implementing system-wide programs, policies and initiatives. Learn about six financial tools that have the potential to fund the climate actions necessary to help your community meet its emission targets.

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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.

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## Unlock funding opportunities for your community's energy efficiency projects

Central Saanich is piloting an innovative Property Assessed Clean Energy program, the first of its kind in British Columbia. Supported by GMF's Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) initiative, this program offers zero-interest loans up to \$12,000 to help 50 homeowners replace oil heating with electric air-source heat pumps. Designed to overcome the unique challenges faced by smaller municipalities, this pilot streamlines the process and reduces costs. Invest in your community's future with sustainable energy projects through GMF's CEF initiative.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Connect with us on social media

Follow FCM on social media to keep up to date with the latest municipal news, resources, and more! Find us on:



**Oct 29:** Every step taken toward ending homelessness is important.

We look forward to working with [#GoC](#) to ensure [#CDNMuni](#) have the support needed to plan for winter when the full array of Reaching Home funds promised in [#Budget2024](#) are made available.

Lives are at stake. There's no time to waste.

**Nov 1:** FCM welcomes these new municipal recommendations from [@pppcouncil](#), including support for a new Municipal Growth Framework. Local leaders have the best understanding of their communities' infrastructure needs and capacities, and public-private partnerships are one important tool to help fill those needs.

A new Municipal Growth Framework, which would more adequately redistribute existing tax

**Nov 4:** [#CDNMuni](#) are responsible for more infrastructure than ever before – and much of it is in dire need of maintenance. Public-private partnerships can play a role in this.

Luckily, municipalities know a thing or two about partnerships.

Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair [@MayorMorgan](#) spoke at [@pppcouncil's](#) [#P32024](#) conference this morning about this critical relationship in terms of

dollars to [#CDNMuni](#), presents the opportunity for an improved approach to funding critical public infrastructure.

growing and maintaining the infrastructure assets Canadians rely on everyday.

Big City Mayors' Caucus Chair [@MayorMorgan](#) will be at [#P32024](#) next week providing insights on Canada's growing infrastructure needs and the role of public-private partnerships in our cities and communities.



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