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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**FCM** Canada's voice of local government



## Let's make 2021 a year of hope

Between the COVID-19 pandemic and the municipal financial crisis, 2020 was the hardest year many of us have ever seen—as elected officials, and as Canadians. And while the changing of the calendar doesn't change the realities we face, I firmly believe that—together—we can make 2021 a year of hope.

With so many communities under siege by COVID's second wave, FCM's top priority remains ensuring municipal leaders have the tools to protect residents and businesses. That needs to start with continued operating support so you can keep vital local services going strong.

In the months ahead, we'll see a critical federal budget—and possibly a federal election. Just as we did last spring, FCM will make it clear that supporting Canadians through this pandemic means partnering with the order of government closest to their daily lives.

We'll also continue laying groundwork for Canada's long-term recovery. Your frontline expertise will be vital to getting this country back on its feet, so we'll need to position municipalities of all sizes at the heart of tomorrow's nationwide recovery. FCM has already put forward some [early recommendations](#) on what that could look like.

Returning to the status quo isn't enough. We have an opportunity to learn from this pandemic and to build back a country that's stronger than ever. One that's more inclusive, so benefits are widely shared. One that's more sustainable and resilient. And one where every community can prosper and thrive.



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But we can't say it enough: before we can build that better Canada, we need to shore up frontline municipal operations—for the duration of the pandemic. Our federal partners need to hear that from us.

### Growing our national voice

Our greatest asset is our strong and united voice. It's what secured emergency funding through the Safe Restart Agreement. It's what led to the Rapid Housing Initiative. It's what compelled the federal government to expand the Universal Broadband Fund. And [much more](#).

So as local leaders continue to see Canadians through this pandemic—and in order to emerge stronger on the other side—we need to continue growing our national voice. Ottawa is where this country's pandemic plan is being shaped, and Ottawa is where we need to ramp up our efforts.

By now your CAO has received your FCM member invoice for 2021-2022. Every single one of you is key to driving FCM's federal influence, so I hope you'll join us for another year. Renew your membership today and let's continue working together—for our communities, and for Canadians.

As local leaders, we've shown that we can rise to any challenge. We will get through this. And together, we'll build a better Canada. That's what gives me hope.



Garth Frizzell is a councillor for the City of Prince George, BC. He was elected FCM President in October, 2020.

**SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS**

Please send me your comments. I would love to hear from you.

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#### @GARTHFRIZZELL TWEETS



Jan 12: While 2020 was the toughest year in recent history for Canadian cities and communities, impacts of #COVID19 aren't over. I echo @JohnTory in underscoring how crucial it will be for #cdnmuni to access additional funding to keep residents safe + continue offering crucial services. <https://bit.ly/3onbtJf>

Jan 25: Thank you to @ROMA\_Ont for inviting me to speak at #ROMA2021 about the need for #universalbroadband and federal support to keep vital #cdnmuni services going as we recover from the #COVID19 pandemic. <https://bit.ly/3ad7Bpf>

Jan 12: This is a fantastic news for our partners at @LC3Canada, and will help us meet our goal to reduce #GHGs in big cities. Thank you @cathmckenna, @JonathanWNV, @SeamusOregan and @TerryBeech! <https://bit.ly/3a7qYQu>

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# FCM VOICE

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**FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus to meet ahead of Budget 2021**

With a crucial federal budget approaching, FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC) meets virtually this week to discuss our municipal vision for Canada's economic recovery, and the critical support needed to ensure cities and communities can help keep Canadians safe.

Cities and communities of all sizes are central partners in Canada's pandemic response and recovery. So we're proposing multi-impact investments that respond to people's urgent COVID challenges while also laying groundwork for a recovery rooted in the places where Canadians live and work every day. We're also making it clear that extending operating support for municipalities for the duration of the pandemic is a top priority—so local leaders can focus on creating jobs and driving this country's recovery.

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## EVENTS

### Virtual workshop: Introduction to PCP Milestones 4 & 5

Are you a member of the Partners for Protection program interested in achieving steps 4 and 5 of the Milestone Framework? On February 18 at 1:00 p.m. ET, join ICLEI Canada and FCM for a free virtual workshop on how the final two steps of the Milestone Framework can help your community:

- Implement a local climate action plan
- Engage stakeholders
- Monitor progress
- Report results

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### Take your green project to the next level

Tune into the Green Municipal Fund (GMF)'s free webinar on March 2 at 1 p.m. ET and learn how to make the leap from idea to “shovel-ready” for your sustainable initiative. We'll discuss green municipal projects that have made the transition at various stages in the process, how each stage fits in the big picture, and the types of support GMF can provide from start to finish.

 [REGISTER TODAY](#)

## NEWS



## Announcing the winners of FCM's 2020 International Awards

To celebrate International Development Week in Canada (February 7-13), we are delighted to announce the recipients of FCM's 2020 International Awards.

**Vicki-May Hamm, Mayor of Magog (Québec):** Pam McConnell Award for the advancement and promotion of gender equality in FCM's programs.

**Sean Lee, Assistant Director, Engineering & Operations at the City of Fredericton (New Brunswick):** Mike Badham Award for individual innovation, creativity, engagement and leadership.

**City of Yorkton (Saskatchewan):** Outstanding Institutional Contribution Award for commitment, leadership and lasting impact in a partner community.

Congratulations to all winners and finalists! We salute all elected officials and municipal staff across Canada who contributed their time and expertise to our international programs.

 [READ ABOUT THE WINNERS AND FINALISTS](#)

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## Universal Broadband Fund: deadline extended

The application deadline for the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) has just been extended to **March 15, 2021**. That's a welcome response to FCM's advocacy on behalf of smaller communities who may have needed a bit more time to put together an application. The \$1.75 billion UBF is an important tool for rural, remote and northern communities looking to expand local high-speed Internet access. If you have questions about completing your application, you can connect with the federal "pathfinder" service by phone (1-800-328-6189) or [email](#).

 [LEARN MORE: UNIVERSAL BROADBAND FUND WEBSITE](#)

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## Black History Month in your community

February is Black History Month and FCM will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent on Twitter. We continue to be committed to fighting anti-Black racism, both within our organization and in communities across Canada.

Is your community doing something to commemorate Black History Month? [Tag us on Twitter](#) and use the hashtag [#cdnmuni](#) to let us know.

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## FCM gets results for members

FCM gets results because we bring together thousands of municipalities nationwide. With our strong and united voice, we're securing vital support for cities and communities on the front lines of COVID-19—from

the Safe Restart Agreement to the expanded Universal Broadband Fund. By working together, we can continue to see municipalities through this pandemic, and we can position them at the heart of tomorrow's nationwide recovery.

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## RESOURCES

### Funding to make affordable housing more sustainable

Are you looking to improve building performance in your municipality? Our Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative provides funding for affordable housing providers to retrofit existing housing, or build new, energy efficient units that emit lower GHG emissions. Whether you're just getting started or already have a project underway, grants and loans from FCM's Green Municipal Fund can help increase energy and housing affordability, improve building quality, and support the health, comfort and quality of life for your residents.

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### How to redevelop brownfields in every province and territory

Learn more about brownfield redevelopment with the Green Municipal Fund's 2021 Brownfield Roadmaps. These support tools provide an overview of process, policy and funding in each province and territory and are updated to reflect current legislation. No matter where you are in the process, or your location across Canada, the roadmaps offer step-by-step, location-specific guidance to help you take your brownfield project to the next level.

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## CORPORATE PARTNER

### Working hard to meet the needs of municipalities

Canada Post is evolving to meet the needs of businesses, including Municipal governments like yours. We are currently assessing the need for financial services. This survey explores the current and anticipated needs of your municipal government office.

In return for your participation, Canada Post will donate \$10 per response (up to \$5,000 maximum) to the Canadian Red Cross to support their COVID-19 pandemic response in communities across Canada.

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## FCM TWEETS

**Feb 8:** Tune in tonight at 7PM (ET) as Edmonton Mayor and Chair of FCM's Big Cities Mayors' Caucus [@doniveson](#) joins Maclean's senior writer, Paul Wells to discuss the plethora of challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to cities. [#cdnmuni](https://bit.ly/2ME0j6d)

**Feb 1:** This month is [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) and we will be featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent. We continue to be committed to fighting anti-Black racism, both within our organization and in communities across Canada.

**Feb 8:** For [#IDW2021](#), we are celebrating our 3 international award winners. Find out who they are: <https://bit.ly/36URUIE>

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