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SFU's Renewable Cities program to establish LC3 Centre

In a [joint press conference](#) with the Government of Canada and our partners on January 12, 2021, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced that Simon Fraser University's Renewable Cities program has been selected to establish the newest Centre in the Low Carbon Cities Canada (LC3) network.

Funded by a \$21.7 million endowment from our federal partners, the Metro Vancouver LC3 Centre will identify, finance and scale up local climate solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including building retrofits and transportation electrification, and will help cities across the Metro Vancouver region reach their climate change goals. The LC3 Centre is anticipated to launch in September 2021.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CENTRE AND LC3](#)



Webinar: The five keys to a green municipal project business case

Do you want a strong business case for a green municipal project?

Tune into our webinar on Tuesday, February 2 and discover the five critical focus areas you need to address to get your project started, from financing and partnerships to integrating a triple-bottom-line approach. With presentations from municipal champions who have successfully launched green initiatives, you'll also gain valuable insights on how to bring your project to life.

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FCM: Strength in numbers

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.

SEE WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED FOR OUR MEMBERS



Promoting rail safety this winter

Every winter, fatal incidents increase on Canadian railways. Operation Lifesaver has updated their toolkit for municipalities to promote rail safety in your communities. You can download their new animated rail safety videos for use on social media and municipal websites.

CHECK OUT THE TOOLKIT

COVID-19 Street Rebalancing Guide

As municipalities continue responding to COVID-19, FCM has released a guide to adapting urban streets for safer commuting, commerce and exercise. It includes practical guidance on installations ranging from cycling lanes to curbside queuing areas to temporary patios. The *COVID-19 Street Rebalancing Guide* is presented by FCM's The Urban Project, which convenes mayors and thought-leaders from across Canada.

READ THE COVID-19 STREET REBALANCING GUIDE

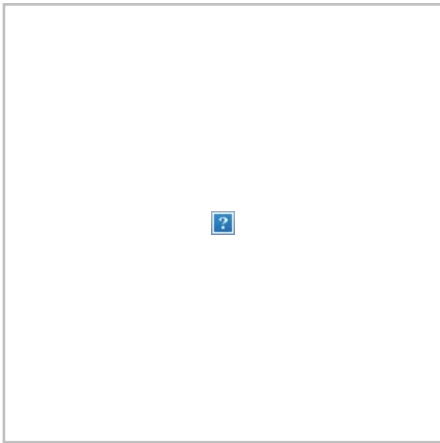


Jan 12: Today, FCM and the #GOC announce the selection of @SFU's @renewablecities to establish an @LC3Canada Innovation Centre for @MetroVancouver. #CDNmuni #climate Read more: <https://bit.ly/3qu4Cz4>

Jan 13: 2M Canadians still can't access a reliable Internet connection. Most of them live in rural, remote and northern communities. High-speed Internet access is about building better lives. <https://bit.ly/368ZPvp> #cdnmuni #universalbroadband #cdnpoli

Jan 12: Simply put, the devastating impact of #COVID19 on Canadian cities extends beyond one year. Now is not the time to be cutting services, and we join Mayor @JohnTory's call for additional Safe Restart funding to keep #publictransit and vital city services strong. #cdnmuni #cdnpoli <https://bit.ly/2XTAukg>

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NEWS

Available now: Asset management grants for municipalities

The call for applications is now open for our asset management grants for municipalities. Apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 for an initiative that will help your community make informed decisions about operating, maintaining and replacing its infrastructure such as roads, buildings, water supply and sanitation systems. Learn more about eligible project types and how you can apply today.

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Update on the Keystone XL project

The world watched last week as a new administration was sworn in in Washington, DC. The new US government immediately issued a number of Executive Orders, including one to rescind the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline expansion project. The Canadian **federal government responded** to this news stating that they will continue to make the case for the project to the US administration.

While FCM does not take a position on individual energy infrastructure projects, FCM's current policy calls on the Canadian government to support the development of nation-building energy infrastructure projects. FCM has reached out quickly to a number of key federal Ministers's offices to clearly reiterate FCM's Board policy on energy infrastructure. We heard a renewed commitment from our federal counterparts to continue to work with FCM and WEST to advance necessary energy infrastructure projects, like pipelines, within a framework of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Here you'll find our Board-adopted resolutions from **2019** and **2020**, calling on the government to support energy-producing regions, stipulating that energy infrastructure must meet high environmental standards and respect appropriate jurisdiction, and calling on the federal government to establish national utility corridors as a national priority with a predictable impact assessment processes.

EVENTS

Webinar: Developing district energy

Is your community interested in adopting a district energy system? Also known as low-carbon thermal energy, district energy distributes heating and cooling via a series of underground pipes, increasing energy efficiency and reducing municipal greenhouse gas emissions. On Tuesday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. ET, ICLEI Canada and our Partners for Climate Protection program is hosting a free webinar featuring expert speakers detailing the advantages of district energy and offering advice on how to implement it in your community. Sign up today to learn more about how district energy can benefit your community.

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How to build a strong business case for a green municipal project

Before you can start a new project, you first need buy-in from your municipal council or other city staff. Attend our webinar at 1 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 2 and learn the five keys of a successful business case for sustainable projects. Speakers who've launched successful initiatives will share insights on integrating a triple bottom line, engaging with stakeholders and more.

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RESOURCES

Simplify your planning with the Municipal Energy Roadmap

The Municipal Energy Roadmap helps identify the best solutions for Canadian communities to lower GHG emissions in their buildings and meet long-term sustainability objectives. In this short primer, you'll learn how the Energy Roadmap can be used to:

- Prioritize solutions based on your region, grid type and other factors.
- Explore workable options with GHG emission and financial impact estimates.
- Clarify the advantages and challenges of each solution.

READ THE ENERGY ROADMAP PRIMER

FCM TWEETS

Jan 22: Municipalities are budgeting for 2021 now. Local leaders need urgent concrete commitments that [#cdnmuni](#) can count on the operating support they need to protect frontline services & transit systems as pandemic impacts stretch through 2021. <https://fcm.ca/recovery#cdnpoli>

Jan 24: The Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) shows what's possible. This federal-municipal partnership will bring supportive or deeply affordable housing to 3,000 Canadians experiencing or at risk of homelessness, fostering an inclusive recovery. <https://fcm.ca/recovery>

Jan 19: Now available: Grants of up to \$50,000 to fund your [#CDNmuni's #assetmanagement](#) initiatives. Learn more and apply now: <https://bit.ly/3qPNW59> [@INFC_eng](#)

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