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FCM outlines early priorities for Budget 2021

Canada's COVID-19 recovery will require a bold and creative plan, driven by cities and communities of all sizes. That's why, as part of the federal government's annual pre-budget consultations, FCM has written to the House of Commons finance committee to outline how Budget 2021 can help build a more prosperous, resilient and connected Canada for all.

Our preliminary recommendations include:

- Strengthening core infrastructure, tackling housing affordability and modernizing transit;
- Supporting municipal leadership on GHG reduction and climate adaptation;
- Moving faster to bring high-speed Internet to every Canadian and supporting communities facing economic uncertainty.

This is just the first step in our advocacy ahead of next year's federal budget, and we'll continue to refine our recommendations. At every step of the way, we'll make it clear that municipal leaders are essential partners in bringing Canada back stronger than ever.

[READ OUR SUBMISSION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE](#)



Ottawa announces optional COVID-19 infrastructure funding stream

The federal government has introduced a new COVID-19 resilience stream into its Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP). Provinces and territories now have the option of directing a limited amount of existing ICIP funds to pandemic response projects—with simplified approvals and a higher federal cost-share. The federal government has also expanded eligibility criteria for existing ICIP funding streams, subject to negotiated amendments to federal-provincial/territorial Integrated Bilateral Agreements.

Making existing infrastructure funding more flexible will help support the work municipal leaders are doing on the ground. And it acknowledges that protecting Canadians starts locally.

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93 participants chosen for FCM's climate leadership course

FCM has selected the participants for its first-ever climate leadership course for municipal elected officials. Those chosen have demonstrated local climate leadership and come from communities of all sizes across Canada. The course will build their knowledge and skills for applying a climate lens to municipal initiatives, engaging others on climate, and helping their communities take climate action.

Offered through the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP), the course takes place online in fall 2020 and concludes with an in-person summit planned for Ottawa in January 2021.

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FCM Board Election reminders

It's time to "meet" your table officer and director candidates! As you know, FCM elections is your chance to make your voice heard. [Visit our website](#) to find out who's running from your region. We'll continue to update this page as more candidates enter the race. Each candidate is invited to submit a bio so you can read about them and learn about their experience and why they're running.

For those thinking about becoming candidates, don't forget to please submit your Table Officer or Director [nomination forms](#) before September 14 and 24, respectively.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FCM 2020 VIRTUAL ELECTIONS CANDIDATES](#)



From derelict industrial site to sustainable arts hub

Municipalities continue to find creative ways to make housing both affordable and sustainable. With support from our Green Municipal Fund, the City of Toronto transformed a century-old industrial site into a sustainable hub for the arts community with 26 units of affordable housing. Artscape Wychwood Barns was rebuilt into energy-efficient, sustainable live-work spaces for working artists, surrounded by a park and skating rink.

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Emerson-Franklin's journey through the FCM Readiness Scale

The Municipality of Emerson-Franklin was able to advance through the Readiness Scale by leveraging the MAMP funding. Partnering with

MuniSight helped the municipality organize, build, and deliver a higher level of transparency to council and residents, building a sustainable asset management foundation. This project helped pave the way for a more proactive asset management strategy.

[READ THE FULL CASE STUDY](#)



Aug 12: Collaboration between all orders of government = results for Canadians on the ground. Very promising to see new details on operating support for Ontario municipalities as we work to lead Canada's recovery at the local level. <https://bit.ly/340qrOE>
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Aug 5: Any real [#COVID19](#) recovery plan must include rural communities. Rural Canada drives nearly 1/3 of our GDP and is home to vital industries—from agriculture to manufacturing. <https://bit.ly/3akq6aX> [#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#ProtectingServices](#)

Aug 10: FCM's Urban Project convened city officials + thought-leaders from across Canada develop a guide to help communities "rebalance streets" to provide more space for physically distant commuting, commerce & exercise. <https://bit.ly/31EL2oQ>
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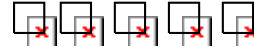
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How you register to vote in the FCM Board elections

Dear FCM members,

FCM's first-ever virtual Board elections and annual general meeting (AGM) are happening this fall. **Remember, only registered voters may participate in these elections and the AGM.** More information for non-voters wanting to attend the AGM will follow.

[If you're eligible](#), you can register between August 24 and September 11.

The registration and voting process is outlined below. Please read it carefully.

Step 1: Registration

- Submit [this registration form](#) whether you're planning to vote online or by phone.

- While registering, you'll set up your **secret access code**, which you need throughout the elections process. Make sure you're the only one who knows your code!
- **Please complete the registration yourself so only you know your secret access code. Do not have someone else register on your behalf.**

Step 2: Voting

- You have three opportunities to vote:
 1. **Table Officers' election:** September 28-30
 2. **Directors' election:** October 5-7
 3. **Live voting during the AGM** (e.g., approving financial statements, ratifying the Board of Directors, etc.): October 15
- Before each election and the AGM, you'll get a **one-time-use link**. Click on it and enter your secret access code in order to retrieve your voting credentials (an automatically generated username and password). Use these to log into the voting platform.
- You'll use the same credentials in both elections and at the AGM. If you forget your credentials after the first election, don't worry. You'll get another **one-time-use link** to retrieve them before the second election and the AGM (using your secret access code).

Important: You can only use each of these links ONCE to retrieve your credentials.

Please add no-reply-fcm@secured.vote to your contacts so election-related emails from the voting platform don't go to your junk folder.

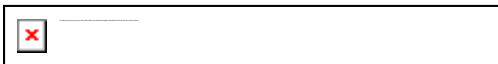
Again, you may only participate in the elections and AGM if you [register in advance!](#)

We're committed to delivering a transparent, safe and secure election process—for all members, from all regions of Canada.

As always, if you have any questions, contact us at elections@fcm.ca.

Signed,

The FCM Elections Team



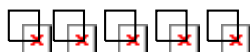
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2020 virtual election: voter registration is now open

FCM's first-ever virtual [Board elections and annual general meeting](#) are happening this fall and we've just opened voter registration. To register, simply fill out and submit your [voter registration form](#). Registered voters will receive a detailed email with instructions on how to vote before each election and the AGM (i.e. on September 28, October 5 and October 15).

As member, this is your chance to democratically shape the Board of Directors for the national voice of Canadian local government. **All eligible voters can register until September 11.** Remember, only those who have registered may vote in this process. And if you are thinking about becoming a candidate, please submit your [nomination form](#) now.

- [Register as a voter now](#)
- Get to know your [table officer and director candidates](#)
- Check out our [election webpages](#) for all details



More women in elected politics: how to make it happen

Did you know that women make up less than 30% of elected positions in local government across Canada? As leaders in the municipal sector, we must do all we can to break down barriers and support women candidates. That is why, this week, we are launching [Run, win, lead: Toward Parity](#)

Framework. Check it out and become an ally. We thank our partners on this project, Equal Voice Canada, the Canadian Women's Foundation and Women and Gender Equality Canada.

SEE THE FRAMEWORK

Update on resolutions for next FCM Board meeting

The FCM Board of Directors will meet virtually from September 8-11, 2020. As they always do, FCM Standing Committees and ultimately the Board of Directors will consider resolutions submitted by members ahead of the July 10, 2020 deadline. These resolutions are found [here](#), for the information of all FCM members. Resolutions adopted as FCM policy will be posted on FCM's website following the Board meeting. The next deadline to receive resolutions to be considered by the Board of Directors is January 9, 2021.

READ THE RESOLUTIONS

New funding available to build healthy communities

Do you have an idea for your community that could help create vibrant public spaces in the face of COVID-19? Whether it's a new bike lane, an online resource hub or a sidewalk patio, the new Canada Healthy Communities Initiative could help. Funding for the Initiative is being repurposed from existing funding from the Smart Cities Challenge and will support communities in dealing with the immediate and ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19.

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Transport Canada: ACATS survey

The Program to Advance Connectivity and Automation in the Transportation System (ACATS) is launching a **short survey** to gauge the program's effectiveness in building CAV knowledge, awareness, and capacity building amongst Canadian road authorities. All responses are anonymous and will be aggregated for reporting purposes. The questionnaire will remain open until **September 4, 2020**. We encourage you to participate in this short questionnaire and invite you to share this link with your colleagues as well.

PARTICIPATE IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE



Learn how GMF's Community Efficiency Financing study grants can benefit your community

Launching a home upgrade financing program can help your residents improve the energy performance of their homes, while creating local jobs and making communities more resilient. Join our webinar on Tuesday, September 15 at 1:30 p.m. ET to learn how GMF's newest funding initiative – *Community Efficiency Financing (CEF)* – can support your community's local financing program and find out what you need to successfully submit an application.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

Developing climate resilience in municipalities

Understanding and adapting to the impacts of climate change on municipal infrastructure and service delivery requires a dedicated approach and strong leadership. Watch our series of three short videos to learn how municipalities across Canada are making climate action a part of their municipal asset management practices and decision-making.

WATCH THE VIDEOS NOW



Deadline approaching for tree planting projects!

We are looking for municipalities or other organizations to express their interest in being part of our National Greening Program (NGP) for spring/fall 2021 and spring/fall 2022. NGP is our mass seedling planting program happening in five regions across Canada with one project in each region. **Deadline: September 30, 2020**

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL NOW!

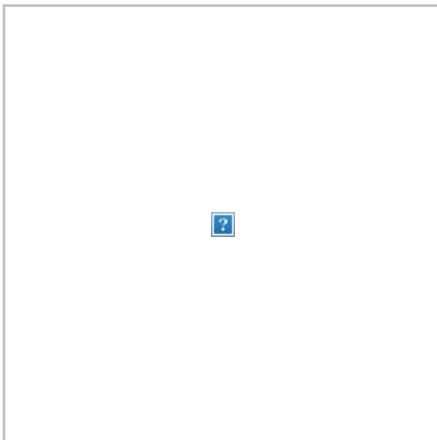


Aug 24: "We need to acknowledge that municipalities have responsibilities — such as climate change adaptation, childcare, immigrant services and more...And they pay for all of these services largely through the property tax." @IRPP
<https://bit.ly/2ElvvN> #cdnmuni #cdnpoli

Aug 30: Municipal leaders envision a Canada that's more prosperous, resilient and connected. That means raising people's quality of life, preparing for future shocks and ensuring every Canadian has the opportunity to thrive.
<https://covid.fcm.ca> #cdnmuni #COVID19 #cdnpoli

Aug 28: Today, FCM and #GOC announce an investment of over \$3.7 million through the Green Municipal Fund to build a net-zero fire station in Port Stanley, ON. <https://bit.ly/3jzLJHD> @muncentralelgin #cdnmuni #infrastructure

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