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FCM VOICE

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Let's make 2021 a year of hope: President Frizzell

In his first President's Corner column and video of the year, FCM President Garth Frizzell called 2021 "a year of hope." He wrote last week that, by working together through FCM, local leaders can continue to support communities through COVID's second wave—and lay the groundwork for a better Canada.

In President Frizzell's words:

"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."

 [SEE PRESIDENT FRIZZELL'S COLUMN AND VIDEO](#)

EVENTS

Don't miss our webinar on building a green municipal project business case

Join us at 1:00 p.m. ET tomorrow and discover the five critical focus areas you need to create a compelling business case for a green municipal project, from financing, to partnerships, to integrating a triple-bottom-line approach. With presentations from municipal champions who have successfully launched green initiatives, you'll gain valuable insights on how to bring your project to life.

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NEWS

GMF and CHRA announce new national partnership

FCM's Green Municipal Fund is proud to announce its new partnership with the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association. Since 1968, CHRA has supported and strengthened the social, affordable and non-profit housing sector. The partnership kicks-off February 2 with a webinar on applying for GMF's Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative, which helps municipalities and affordable housing providers retrofit existing units and build new affordable housing for higher energy performance.

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Black History Month in your community

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

It's time to grow our national voice

On December 4, your municipality's CAO received by email your FCM 2021-2022 member invoice. Renew your membership today to ensure your priorities continue to be heard at the federal level.

There's strength in numbers, and every FCM member is key to forming the strong and united voice that drives our federal influence. By growing our national voice, we can keep cities and communities supported today—and position them at the heart of tomorrow's nationwide recovery.

 [LEARN HOW FCM IS SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH COVID-19](#)

RESOURCES

Comprehensive tools for redeveloping contaminated land

Learn about the brownfield solutions that are best suited to your municipality through our 2021 Brownfield Roadmaps. The process of redeveloping brownfields can be complex, these guides simplify and clarify what you need to take the next step. Developed in close consultation with provincial and territorial governments, they provide critical information on brownfield redevelopment, including an overview of process, policy and funding in each province and territory.

 [DISCOVER THE ROADMAPS](#)

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Free pilot opportunity available for your community. Launch your city-wide speed monitoring network.

Liveable Cities is excited to offer your city a free pilot of our SmartLinx radar sensors which will provide real-time, city-wide vehicle speed data to increase roadway safety and save lives.

SmartLinx uses public streetlights to deploy the radar sensors. Speed data is reported via secure cellular networks (24/7/365).

Other smart city applications include air quality and noise detection monitoring.

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FCM TWEETS

Jan 29: Did you know...the average internet speed in Ontario is 51.95 Mbps. While Newfoundland shows the slowest speeds on average, 5.64 Mbps. We need to close the digital divide between the speeds experienced by urban & rural internet users.
<https://fcm.ca/recovery>

Jan 28: Read the latest statement from FCM President [@GarthFrizzell](#), and Chair of the Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST), [@RandyGoulden](#):
<https://bit.ly/3j8g6pw>
[#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Jan 28: DYK that our Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program has supported the development of over a dozen case studies, tools and other resources dedicated to strengthening [#flood](#) resilience in [#CDNmuni](#)? Find these tools and more here:
<https://bit.ly/3j9dPKw>

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COMMUNIQUÉ

New federal investments in rural transportation

Dear rural members,

This morning the Prime Minister announced [new federal funding for rural and remote transportation](#) to help drive the strong, nationwide recovery Canadians need—a clear sign that FCM's work on behalf of rural communities is having an impact.

Today's announcement is part of a landmark new permanent public transit fund, and a direct result of years-long FCM advocacy. As you know, our advocacy—developed with feedback from rural members—has consistently called for dedicated funding for rural and regional transportation needs as an integral part of any nation-building transit plan.

FCM strongly welcomes this investment in rural communities. Getting people moving is a priority for communities of all sizes. That's why FCM and our Rural Forum have urged our federal partners to apply a rural lens to federal transit investments. The importance of rural communities has also been echoed by our big city members, including at this morning's announcement by Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson.

The next stage in this process—program design and confirmation of the size of this funding stream—will be critical. We will engage our federal counterparts to get this right.

Today, we're acknowledging this announcement as a positive step to kick-start economic recovery for rural communities across Canada.

Thank you all for your hard work in making today's investment possible.

Sincerely,

Garth Frizzell
FCM President



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Federal transit commitments answer FCM's call

Last week, the federal government announced a **landmark new investment in public transit** that directly responds to years of advocacy by FCM.

This plan delivers major new funding for transit systems, electric buses and more to help drive Canada's recovery. It then creates a *permanent* transit fund worth \$3 billion per year to give municipalities the predictability they need to plan ahead. And it specifically commits to support rural and regional transportation needs—which we said was critical for a nation-building transit plan.

These commitments will empower municipalities to create jobs, shorten commutes, reduce emissions and kickstart economic growth. And it clearly recognizes municipalities as critical partners in driving the strong recovery Canadians will need after COVID-19.

 **READ MORE: FCM'S STATEMENT**



FCM's 2021 annual conference: Save the date

Your favourite FCM event is back, and it's going virtual! Join us June 1-4 for FCM's 2021 Annual Conference and Trade Show. This will be a brand new experience—while still retaining the features municipal leaders know and love. Prepare to be blown away by our exclusive program, tailored to the realities of virtual learning. Registration will begin in a few weeks, so stay tuned for that. For now be sure to save the date, because this is one event you won't want to miss.

Make your sustainability study “shovel-ready”

How does a feasibility study or pilot project pave the way to a capital project?

Join our free webinar on March 2 at 1 p.m. ET and learn how other communities have made the shift from an idea to “shovels in the ground” with their sustainable initiatives. You'll learn how to prioritize the right solutions for your municipality and how to take advantage of funding and capacity building opportunities from FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

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FCM welcomes a new Vice-President at Large

FCM welcomes Councillor Bruce MacDougall, President of the Federation of PEI Municipalities, as our new Vice-President at Large, representing the Atlantic region. Councillor MacDougall is a long-standing Board member and former Atlantic Caucus Chair. Councillor MacDougall was nominated by the Atlantic Caucus and his nomination was ratified by FCM's Board of Directors on February 4, in accordance with FCM bylaws, to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of FCM's Past President, Bill Karsten. He will remain in this position until FCM's annual general meeting in June. Congratulations, Vice-President MacDougall!

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Tool helps start the asset management conversation

Do you want to start talking about asset management in your municipality? Use our customizable presentation to get the conversation started with your colleagues. This ready-to-use presentation explains asset management and its benefits, and outlines how you can take action. You can also adapt the presentation to suit your preferences as well as the needs of your community.

 [DOWNLOAD THE FREE PRESENTATION TODAY](#)

New fund to transform community spaces in the face of COVID-19

In partnership with Infrastructure Canada, Community Foundations of Canada recently launched the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, a \$31 million federal fund to help communities adapt public spaces and services over the next two years in response to COVID-19. The fund provides an opportunity for municipalities to create projects that encourage communities to exercise, create artistic and cultural experiences and safely spend time together.

 [CHECK OUT THE APPLICANT GUIDE](#)



Your kid's guide to local government is here

It's never too early to start learning about what makes your city tick. *Tucker Goes to City Hall* is an easy-to-read story, written especially for little ones! With a fun tale crafted by former FCM President George Cuff and daughter Jill Lewis, this chapter book pulls back the curtain on how municipalities "work." Perfect for inspiring our youngest generation of leaders!

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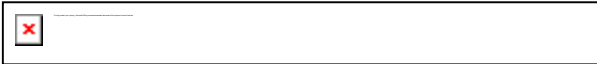


Feb 10: This is a landmark investment in [#PublicTransit](#). Investing in transit creates jobs, shortens commutes, reduces emissions and supports economic growth in cities + communities across the country.
<https://bit.ly/3acKxrE> [#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [@cathmckenna](#)

Feb 12: Canada's big-city mayors wrapped their weeklong summit with federal leaders today by delivering a clear message: cities are central partners in the strong, nationwide recovery Canadians will need after [#COVID19](#).
<https://bit.ly/3jVnNzN> [#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli101](#)

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Celebrating Black History Month

It's Black History Month and FCM is featuring key moments in Canadian municipal history impacting Black people and people of African descent on Twitter. We highlight some of the first Black mayors and city councillors in Canadian history, along with uncomfortable truths like the destruction of Africville, NS. We do this as part of our commitment to fighting anti-Black racism, both within our organization and in communities across Canada.

As Halifax city councillor and FCM Board member Lindell Smith says, “It’s important to remember the terrible things that happened, the discrimination and displacement. But also the ... ownership and a sense of community ... something to celebrate.”

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

EVENTS

Webinar: how to level up your green project

Do you want to convert your study into a project that provides social, economic and environmental benefits?

Don’t miss our free webinar on March 2 (1 p.m. ET) on how to take your sustainable initiative to the next level. You’ll learn from speakers who have successfully expanded their municipal projects at various stages. We’ll also discuss how to prioritize what’s right for your community and how GMF can help at every step.

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NEWS

WEST takes budget priorities to federal minister

Last Tuesday, FCM’s Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST) met virtually with Minister Jim Carr, the Prime Minister’s Special Representative for the Prairies. Taskforce members shared the deep economic anxiety facing western communities. They highlighted the progress WEST is making and reiterated the taskforce’s recommendations for Federal Budget 2021 and beyond. WEST will continue to bring forward concrete solutions that support western communities—and empower local leaders to build a bright economic future for workers and families.

[► LEARN MORE ABOUT WEST’S MEETING WITH MINISTER CARR](#)

FCM intervenes in Supreme Court case on cuts to Toronto City Council

We are intervening at the Supreme Court in a case surrounding the Ontario government’s decision to unilaterally reduce the size of Toronto City Council. Bill 5, also known as the Better Local Government Act, redrew Toronto City Council’s electoral structure, reducing the number of city wards and councillors from 47

to 25. Enacted in 2018, Bill 5 made these significant changes while Toronto was already in the midst of a municipal election. Our intervention is funded by FCM's Legal Defense Fund.

► [READ MORE ABOUT OUR SUPREME COURT INTERVENTION](#)

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 to this month's landmark investments in public transit. 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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FCM TWEETS

Feb 22: Our very own CEO [@CaroleSaab](#) has once again been named one of Canada's Top 100 Lobbyists by [@HillTimes](#). Carole and FCM members+ staff are relentless in bringing the [#cdnmuni](#) voice to the federal stage, resulting in better tools for cities + communities. <https://bit.ly/2ZHnKcA>

Feb 17: Yesterday FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce met virtually w/ [@jimcarr_wpg](#). They spoke about the economic anxiety facing western communities due to [#COVID19](#), as well as ongoing pressures in Canada's energy + forestry sectors. <https://bit.ly/2NSVw0A> [#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Feb 3: 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. [#cdnpoli](https://fcm.ca/recovery)

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