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Prime Minister announces Rapid Housing Initiative extension

We are excited to share with you news of yet another impressive FCM advocacy win. In case you missed it, last week the federal government **officially announced a \$1.5 billion expansion of the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI)**. This follows through on commitments made in the recent federal budget. Simply put, this means more affordable housing for some of the most vulnerable people in our cities and communities.

FCM played a central role in shaping the RHI and securing this extension. And since last year's launch, the RHI has become a genuine COVID success story. Community housing partners across the country are already delivering housing to some 4700 Canadians who've faced COVID-19 from a place of chronic homelessness. This RHI extension will help us grow that impact on the ground.

The expansion of the RHI will be delivered in two funding streams:

- **Projects stream:** \$1-billion in application-based funding, where eligible proponents include municipalities, provinces, territories, non-profits, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, including non-profit housing providers. This comes with a new commitment to increase flexibility for project applicants, including Northern municipalities.
- **Cities stream:** \$500 million in immediate support to be allocated to 30 municipalities that have been identified based on areas of highest need.

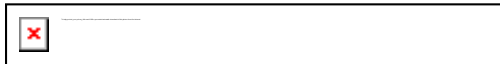
The announcement also responds directly to FCM advocacy to make RHI funding more flexible to better reflect local needs, by expanding some eligibility requirements and extending timelines for the Cities stream.

The Rapid Housing Initiative works because it directly empowers local leaders across the country. Together with our partners, municipalities are leveraging available buildings, land and modular housing—to deliver supportive and deeply affordable housing to people who need it the most.

That’s a model to build on, and municipalities are ready to go *further* than today’s positive step. FCM continues to advocate for more ambitious RHI funding— to deliver homes to *30,000 vulnerable Canadians*. This would set us on track to *ending* chronic homelessness. FCM is also recommending solutions to grow the broader non-market housing supply. This would create real choices for people facing overcrowded and inadequate housing—including too many frontline workers in this pandemic.

Major investment in housing can be a centrepiece of a truly inclusive recovery that’s rooted in our communities. This recent news is a step in the right direction and a testament to the power of your municipal advocacy.

Joanne Vanderheyden
FCM President



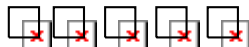
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FCM VOICE

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Encourage residents to complete Census 2021

Millions of Canadians have now completed their 2021 Census questionnaires, but there is still time for remaining households to fill theirs in.

Accurate and complete Census data ensures municipalities have a clear picture of needs in their community, from infrastructure to community centres to employment.

To make sure your municipality is getting the best data possible, we encourage you to share Census reminder messages on social media or other channels (e.g., website, newsletters, etc.), and make sure as many people as possible in your community are counted.

Statistics Canada has put together a Community Supporter Toolkit, including content for you to share.

► **ACCESS THE TOOLKIT**

NEWS

The POST Promise seeks to help local businesses recover

The POST Promise is a national, bilingual private sector-led initiative designed to help Canadians confidently and safely shop and work in local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. It signifies a business's commitment to implementing and practicing the five key steps to workplace safety, helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Each week hundreds of thousands Canadians shop or work at businesses who have made the POST Promise – the same local businesses that are the backbone of our communities. Many municipalities are already participating in the POST Promise. Click the link below to learn more.

► **LEARN MORE**

EVENTS

Webinar: Benefits of advancing circular economy in cities and regions

Sign up for the free webinar, *Circularity at All Levels*, taking place on July 15.

Hosted by the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI), you'll hear from leading experts in the field about the benefits of place-based innovation at the city and regional level. From small and rural regions, to larger metropolitan areas, the benefits of implementing circular economy strategies will be discussed amongst our knowledgeable panelists.

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CCRI is a one-year pilot developed in collaboration with FCM's Green Municipal Fund, the National Zero Waste Council, the Recycling Council of Alberta and RECYC-QUÉBEC.

RESOURCES

Series: Meet LC3's climate leaders

The Low Carbon Cities Canada (LC3) network is taking big steps to address climate change in cities across the country. The LC3 climate leaders are at the leading edge of developing and implementing climate change solutions in their local communities, from investing and funding projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to designing and scaling up low carbon solutions.

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Ask these questions about asset management software

Thinking about using asset management software to collect, manage and report on data related to your municipal assets? There are a number of questions to ask when deciding if your community is ready, like:

- Do you need special software?
- Do you have good data available?
- Do you have sound business practices in place?

Our short guide can help you assess your need for asset management software, understand what it can and cannot do for you and evaluate software suppliers.

► [READ OUR GUIDE TO LEARN MORE](#)

FCM IN THE NEWS

Green Municipal Fund making headlines

FCM President Joanne Vanderheyden and the Government of Canada announced several new Green Municipal Fund investments recently. [Mississauga.com](https://www.mississauga.com) reports on one of them: the City of Mississauga received an important investment to create environmental standards for private buildings.

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FCM TWEETS

July 11: The [#COVID19](#) pandemic has left a lot of former hotels and other properties vacant. And now, the Rapid Housing Initiative means we can turn these empty buildings into supportive and deeply affordable housing for thousands of Canadians. [#cdnmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#) [#affordablehousing](#)

July 8: Mayors from across Canada are uniting to encourage residents to get both doses of [#COVID19](#) vaccines. [#ThisIsOurShot](#) to protect our loved ones and to allow our communities to thrive. Learn the facts at <https://thisisourshot.ca>

July 6: Get to know the [#climate](#) leaders of the [@LC3Canada](#) network in our new article series. See how they will: Support [#CDNmuni](#) as they reach their [#climatetargets](#). Improve public health. Build resilient communities. Read our articles today: <https://bit.ly/3hUJlqc>

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