

BRIEFING

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update – May 2021

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

To provide the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IGA) with information on recent and upcoming Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) activities and events.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show

[Registration](#) continues for FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show, to take place virtually from 2021 May 31 to June 4. Early-bird rates are available through 2021 May 14.

As this year's event will not be in-person, attendees may wish to consider the [Conference Program](#) and add sessions of interest to their calendars in advance.

Response to Budget 2021

FCM responded favourably to the Government of Canada's Budget released April 19, citing alignment with key FCM priorities, including:

- Responding directly to the recommendations from FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce, moving forward with major new investments in trade infrastructure and regional economic growth;
- Additional funding for climate adaptation and disaster mitigation projects
- Expansion of the federal-municipal Rapid Housing Initiative that will help to deliver affordable and supportive housing to more Canadians, though failing to meet the ambition of ending chronic homelessness.

Policy updates

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) affirmed FCM's arguments about the municipal role in 5G deployment and managing municipal rights of way. The decision includes some of the most significant policy pronouncements by the CRTC on the role of municipalities in ensuring that rights of way are managed in the public interest including cost allocation, coordination and documentation. More information can be found on the [FCM website](#).