

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update – November (Verbal) – IGA2022-1206
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee - 2022 November 9

Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee receive this verbal report and distribution for the Corporate Record.

Recent Events

2022 FCM Budget Submission

FCM has shared their federal budget submission with membership. Their top four recommendations are as follows:

- **Recommendation 1:** That the government partner with municipalities to build resilient communities by rapidly scaling up local climate mitigation and adaptation efforts and building municipal capacity to assess and respond to climate risks.
- **Recommendation 2:** That the government work with municipalities to promote a better quality of life for Canadians by addressing housing affordability, building the right kind of housing supply, and taking the critical steps needed to achieve our shared goal of ending chronic homelessness in Canada.
- **Recommendation 3:** That the government partner with municipalities and work directly with FCM to design and deliver the next generation of infrastructure in Canada, with a focus on local delivery that meets the needs of Canadians directly in their communities, no matter the size or location.
- **Recommendation 4:** That the government work with municipalities to ensure critical community services, by absorbing all retroactive costs associated with the latest RCMP bargaining agreement, and scaling up access to local safe supply programs, alongside other harm reduction and treatment strategies.

The budget priorities put forward by FCM are aligned with City of Calgary priorities in the areas of climate mitigation and adaptation, affordable housing, and homelessness, ensuring the next generation of infrastructure investments meets local needs and supporting individuals experiencing addictions.

Full document available here: [Written Submission to Budget Consultations](#)

New Home Energy Investments in Calgary from FCM's Community Efficient Financing initiative

On 2022 October 3, the Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson, and the President of FCM Taneed Rudyk announced that The City of Calgary would receive \$15 million through a

combination of loans and grants to implement energy retrofit financing programs for residential properties. The intent of the program fund is to help Calgarians make their homes more energy efficient, reduce their carbon footprint and save money through the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CIP). Other municipalities who received funding include the City of St. Albert, City of Lethbridge, and Town of Canmore. City of Calgary administration anticipates the launch of the program in late November and are working to finalize the agreement with FCM.

[News: \\$25.6 Million in New Federal Home Energy Investments for Four Alberta Communities \(fcm.ca\)](https://www.fcm.ca/news/25.6-million-in-new-federal-home-energy-investments-for-four-alberta-communities)

Upcoming meetings and events

Big Cities Mayors' Caucus

The next FCM Big Cities Mayors' Caucus will be held 2022 December 5 in Ottawa.

Advocacy Days and December meeting of the Board of Directors

FCM's advocacy days and Board meeting will take place from 2022 December 6-8 in Ottawa. Advocacy Days is an annual event in which FCM's Board and Committee of the Whole members meet directly with parliamentarians from all federal parties and all regions to advance key priorities.

Sustainable Communities Conference 2023

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference, Canada's premier municipal sustainability event is taking place February 7-10 in Ottawa (and virtually). The event will focus on:

- Key trends in building climate-ready communities for elected officials
- Administrative tools and processes within City Hall
- Citizen engagement at the local level

[Sustainable Communities Conference 2023 | Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(fcm.ca\)](https://www.fcm.ca/sustainable-communities-conference-2023)

Annual Conference and Trade Show in Toronto 2023

Toronto will host the annual FCM Conference and Trade Show from 2023 May 25-28. Registration is anticipated to open early in 2023, conference program and workshop information to follow.

Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary 2024

In March 2022, FCM publicly announced the hosts of the upcoming Annual Conference, including the 2024 edition to be hosted in Calgary at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre. The event is expected to bring over 2,000 delegates and \$6 million of economic activity to the city.

Administration will work closely with FCM and Tourism Calgary to develop program opportunities to highlight local success stories.

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