

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update - October (Verbal) – IGA2022-1107
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee - 2022 October 12

Recommendation

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

Recent Meetings and Events - 2022 Annual FCM Board of Directors Meeting

The 2022 Annual FCM Board of Directors Meeting was held in Strathcona County September 13-15, 2022. FCM's Board of Directors is made up of elected municipal officials and affiliate members from communities across Canada.

Committee of the Whole

- The Committee of the Whole focused their conversation on:
 - RCMP retroactive pay increases.
 - Future of Federal infrastructure programs
 - Housing and homelessness, including encampments
 - Climate change and adaptation

- At the meeting, FCM laid out their eight key advocacy planks as follows:
 1. Double Canada Community Building Fund to \$4.4B a year
 2. Establish Permanent Public Transit Fund at \$3B per year
 3. Increase funding for adaptation by at least \$1B per year
 4. Create a new dedicated water infrastructure funding (like Clean Water and Wastewater Fund from 2016)
 5. Rural and Northern infrastructure (broadband, ports, and airports etc.)
 6. Net zero communities (municipal building retrofits, municipal fleet vehicles, landfill gas capture, community energy, Energy Community Infrastructure Fund)
 7. Close the Indigenous infrastructure gap and end all boil water advisories
 8. Downtown renewal and regional economic development (trilateral agreements, Regional Economic Development Agencies)

Board of Directors Meeting

- The Board of Directors heard from regional caucuses and each standing committee. Highlights include:
 - The Standing Committee on Anti-Racism and Equity Committee adopted a Commitment Statement at the Board of Directors Meeting, recognizing FCM's opportunity and responsibility to ground the organization's culture, systems, policies and practices in an anti-racism and equity lens. [FCM Anti-Racism and Equity Commitment Statement](#)

- The Board discussed the release of FCM's new National Adaptation Strategy that highlights proposals that would assist municipalities to be better protected from extreme weather. [National Adaptation Strategy: Recommendations from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(fcm.ca\)](#)
- All proposed resolutions passed. Resolutions were as follows:
 - Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development
 - Federal support for Canadian consumption of Canadian oil and gas resources
 - Fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty
 - Scrubber discharge
 - Social-Economic Development
 - Exempting income on secondary units
 - National licensure for healthcare professionals
 - Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy
 - Aerodrome approvals and changes
 - Anti-Racism and Equity Committee
 - Measures to tackle Islamophobia

Upcoming meetings and events

Sustainable Communities Conference 2023

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference, Canada's premier municipal sustainability event is taking place February 8-10 in Ottawa (and virtually). The event will focus on building practical tools and knowledge to build equitable, sustainable communities. [Sustainable Communities Conference 2023 | Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(fcm.ca\)](#)

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 2000 delegates and \$6M of economic activity to the city.

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

