

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update – November 2023 (Verbal)

Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee recommend that Council receive this verbal report and distribution for the Corporate Record.

Recent meetings, events and announcements:

Pre-Fall Economic Statement Announcement

- President of FCM, Scott Piece, and Chair of the Big Cities Mayors' Caucus, Mike Savage, released a [joint statement](#) on 2023 November 2, outlining key municipal priorities ahead of the Fall Economic Statement.
- Priorities include a new municipal growth framework to support Canada's growing population, and sustainable funding for municipal infrastructure that will support the increased housing and resilient communities.
- Specific calls include:
 - Doubling the Canada Community Building Fund to \$4.4 billion and increasing the annual index to 3.5%.
 - Allocating \$1 billion annually for 10 years towards a new federal water and wastewater infrastructure program.
 - Investing \$500 million annually for municipal community, cultural and recreation infrastructure.
 - An immediate \$2 billion top-up to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) with an additional \$1 billion earmarked annually for the next 10 years.
 - For the Permanent Transit Fund to be established in legislation in 2024 with no less than \$3 billion indexed at 3.5%, available annually beginning in 2026.

Upcoming meetings and events

November 2023 Board Meeting and Advocacy Days

- The Board will next meet in Ottawa from 2023 November 21-24 for Advocacy Days, an annual event that has FCM's Board meet directly with parliamentarians from all federal parties and all regions to advance FCM key priorities, including the Municipal Growth Framework, and a focused list of budget priorities.

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General Manager Chris Arthurs concurs with the information in this verbal update.