

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update – May 2024 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

2024 Federal Budget

- FCM welcomed the 2024 Federal budget commitment towards supporting growth and tackling homelessness in its [federal budget announcement](#), which included highlighting:
 - The commitment of \$1 billion for urgent community infrastructure, including water and wastewater management.
 - The commitment of \$6 billion for a Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.
 - The New Rental Protection Fund and Canada’s Housing Plan.
- FCM President Scott Pearce shared that “...for every new home built, there must be a corresponding investment in infrastructure...we will work in collaboration with the federal government...on how we can deliver these important immediate investments to Canadians in parrel with fixing our funding model for the long term”.
- FCM was concerned that there were no additional federal investments in the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), which helps municipalities address the rising effects of climate change.
- FCM remains committed to engaging all orders of government while collaborating with its members and partners to advocate for a commitment to negotiate a new Municipal Growth Framework.

Upcoming meetings and events

Big Cities Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC) Meeting, 2024 June 5-6, Calgary

- Mayors from 23 of Canada’s biggest cities will be meeting in-person in Calgary and virtually to discuss policy and issues affecting large cities.
- Mayor Mike Savage from Halifax is not running for re-election and a new board BCMC chair will be announced at the meeting.

2024 FCM Conference and Trade Show, 2024 June 6-9, Calgary

Convention Preparation

- Calgary is excited to host the 2024 FCM Conference and Trade Show from 2024 June 6-9.
- The 2024 conference is close to record breaking attendance with over 2,500 people coming to Calgary in various capacities which include:
 - Over 1,750 delegates.
 - Over 200 companions.
 - Over 400 exhibitors / sponsors.
- Over 200 City staff will support the conference in various capacities, from leading study tours, to assisting with onsite logistics, to answering questions at The City / Tourism Calgary information desk.

- The City's conference team is now in the final stages of its planning and is working to execute logistical plans and attend to fine details.

Conference Highlights

- In advance of the 2024 FCM convention, at the 2024 March 7 FCM Board of Directors meeting, the following resolutions were voted on to be presented in June:
 - Immediate Federal Government Support Required for Asylum Claimants in Municipalities.
 - Support for Ukrainian Refugees and Populations Fleeing Conflict; and
 - Pipeline Spill Reporting Regulations.
- FCM will release additional resolutions in advance of the convention.
- Conference workshops will include leveraging the Green Municipal Fund, fostering innovation, utilizing third-sector partnerships, adaptation to climate risks and health and safety in the workplace.
- The closing plenary will provide strategies for leaders facing increased harassment, particularly in the digital sphere, as well as how to foster safer and more inclusive environments for women and diverse municipal leaders.
- Current FCM President Scott Pearce will transition the presidency to Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor for the Municipality of the County of Colchester, Nova Scotia.
- This transition will result in a vacancy for the Third Vice President, who will be elected from the Prairies and Territories.
- Scott Pearce will be FCM's Past President, with current past president Taneen Rudyk, Councillor of the Town of Vegreville, transitioning out of the role. The City of Calgary would like to thank Taneen for her service and for being a voice for the Prairies and Territories on the FCM Executive.

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