

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update – September 2024 (Verbal)**Recommendation**

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

Infrastructure Investment and Resiliency

- In recent months, major Canadian cities have faced catastrophic water infrastructure failures – a feeder main break and subsequent repairs here in Calgary, massive floods on the streets of Toronto, Mississauga and Etobicoke following two large storm systems within two weeks and severe flooding in Vancouver’s Olympic village after a sewer main broke in June.
- Canada is in a funding situation where municipalities are at the end of the pipe – everything filters to the municipal level, and local governments have the least amount of funding levers to address these situations.
- The City of Calgary has been working closely with FCM in their advocacy efforts for additional funding for new infrastructure investments and for the state of good repair to enable resiliency in our municipal infrastructure that provide critical services to residents.
- Mayor Gondek shared in July that she is “committed to working with other cities as well as the FCM to appeal to the federal government for more consistent and equitable funding model that addresses our growing populations and the infrastructure that we provide.”
- FCM President Geoff Stewart also shared that, [municipalities get eight to 10 cents per tax dollar collected](#) and are responsible for over 60 per cent of the local infrastructure.
- In 2021, the federal government committed to a national infrastructure assessment and FCM looks forward to continuing the conversation with the federal government announcing on 2024 August 17 that they are planning on [establishing an advisory body](#) in the coming months.

Pre-Budget Consultation

- The House of Commons Standing committee on Finance (FiNA) invites Canadians to participate in its annual pre-budget consultation process.
- In response, [FCM has submitted recommendations](#) ahead of the Fall Economic Statement and Budget 2025, which included:
 - The creation of a Municipal Growth Framework
 - A Housing and Homelessness Strategy
 - Increased Infrastructure Investment and Resilience funding
 - Funding for Safe and Supportive Communities

Upcoming meetings and events

- FCM Committee of the Whole, 2024 September 18-19, Ottawa (and virtually)
- Big Cities Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC) Strategy Session, 2024 October 23 virtually
- Advocacy Days, 2024 December 3-6, Ottawa

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