

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Update – February 2025 (Verbal)

Recommendation

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

Advancing Municipal Priorities Amid Change

- With the resignation of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and as Prime Minister, the prorogation of Parliament, and an anticipated early election, there is a lot of uncertainty for municipalities around federal policies for housing and transit funding.
- FCM has been engaging with ministerial offices and the federal public service to understand the potential implications of funding programs and programs impacting municipalities.
- Building on the successes of Advocacy Days in early December, FCM is leveraging opportunities to amplify municipal issues on the federal stage ahead of the next election with advocacy and engagement with all federal political parties underway to ensure municipal concerns are recognized across the political spectrum.
- Political engagement on municipal issues is also being undertaken during the Liberal leadership race, with the goal that the next leader will continue to advance infrastructure investments.
- FCM continues to advocate for addressing municipalities' fiscal gap and for increased support for their efforts to address homelessness, housing affordability and public safety.
- FCM has recently issued a [statement](#) regarding tariffs, stating that local leaders are important players on Team Canada and stand ready to support.

Upcoming FCM meetings and events

- Sustainable Communities Conference, 2025 February 10-13, Fredericton, New Brunswick.
- Big City Mayors' Caucus, 2025 February 6, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Board Meeting, 2025 March 18-20, Dorval, Quebec.
- Annual Conference and Trade Show, 2025 May 29-June 1, Ottawa, Ontario

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