

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

Recommendation

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

Big City Mayor's Caucus, 2025 February 6, Ottawa, Ontario.

- Big City Mayors from across the country met in Ottawa to discuss issues of joint concern like infrastructure funding, trade tariffs, and housing constraints.
- Minister Erskine Smith attended the meeting to discuss critical long-term infrastructure funding for housing and transit including potential election implications.
- With the Canada-United States relationship focused on tariffs and fentanyl, FCM is supporting municipalities with research related to procurement strategies and evaluating what federal support for municipal law enforcement may look like.
- The Prime Minister attended the Caucus, sharing that he believes municipalities are indispensable to the Team Canada approach.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mélanie Joly, shared that municipalities will also play a vital part in supporting local businesses so they can be resilient through this period.

Sustainable Communities Conference, 2025 February 10-13, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

- Minister of Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault and FCM President Rebecca Bligh announced \$30 million to build resilient communities to support 30 climate adaptation projects, 17 feasibility studies, and 34 partner grant recipients through the Green Municipal Fund Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation.
- Alberta Municipalities is a partner grant recipient through ABMunis Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program.

FCM Activities - Defending Canada's Local Economies

- FCM representatives joined Ontario Premier Doug Ford, alongside the Council of the Federation delegation in their mission to Washington D.C. on 2025 February 11-12.
- FCM met with United States Conference of Mayor's in Phoenix, Arizona on 2025 February 20-23 and returned to Washington D.C. March 9-10 for further discussions with the National League of Cities.
- These meetings focused on minimizing the impact of tariffs on local economies and strengthening cross-border cooperation.

FCM Committee Meetings - 2025 March 3-7 (virtually)

- FCM committees met virtually with the Prairies and Territories discussing the impact of decreasing international students for post-secondary institutions, the potential for a provincial police force in Alberta, promoting responsible development in municipalities, modernizing the funding model for infrastructure investments, and bail reform.
- The various committees discussed policy resolutions brought forward by members. The Board of Directors will review resolutions that received support at committees before

being reviewed and voted on by all FCM members at the annual general meeting at the end of May.

Upcoming FCM meetings and events

- Annual Conference and Trade Show, 2025 May 29-June 1, in Ottawa, Ontario.
- FCM Committee Meetings, 2025 October 6-10 (virtually)

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

