

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

Recommendation

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

FCM Committee of the Whole and Board of Director Meetings – 2025 March 19-21 Dorval

- FCM committee and Board of Directors met virtually and in person to discuss policy resolutions that will be presented at the upcoming FCM annual general meeting in late May.
- Committee and board members also discussed the Canada-US trade war, its impacts on local businesses and how municipalities could help by leveraging municipal procurement and working on a Team Canada approach.
- FCM committee members also discussed the possibility of a spring election and advocacy messaging for municipal priorities.

Federal Election Campaign

- FCM launched its advocacy campaign in late March, focusing on the creation of a National Prosperity Partnership with all levels of government.
- Sharing messages about local communities and the foundation of Canada's economic growth and investing in local communities create national prosperity.
- The key asks for all federal parties to focus on local economic growth and resilience, infrastructure renewal, housing affordability, addressing homelessness, community safety and investing in climate-resilient infrastructure.

FCM Activities - Defending Canada's Local Economies

- FCM continues to leverage relationships with US mayors and associations to emphasize the negative economic impact of trade policies.
- Key messages are tailored to each US region depending on the local implications, and US municipal leaders are asked to speak with their federal officials.
- Big City Mayors' Caucus members are working to share ideas, leverage connections, advocating for their regions and promoting local initiatives.

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.