

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference Summary – June 2025
(Verbal)**

Recommendation

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

Annual Conference and Trade Show, 2025 May 29-June 1, in Ottawa, Ontario.

- Municipal leaders from across the country met in Ottawa for the 2025 FCM annual conference under the banner of ‘Stronger Together: Local Strength National Prosperity’.
- Keynote speakers included Prime Minister Mark Carney, Member of Parliament (MP) and Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Melissa Lantsman, MP and Leader of the Green Party of Canada Elizabeth May, and New Democratic Party MP Gord Johns.
- The Prime Minister’s speech focused on housing, Build Canada projects and keeping Canada safe. He stated that for municipalities working in these focus areas, funding models must be predictable, built on what is working, and incorporate learnings from what has not worked.
- A variety of workshops took place. Highlights included communication tools for elected officials to address misinformation, navigating Urban Reserve and Additional-to-Reserve partnerships, and building tomorrow’s infrastructure on today’s budgets.
- FCM’s Chief Executive Officer, Carole Saab, shared that the organization is building a new strategic plan with a refreshed mission. The plan promotes economic growth and local capacity, supported by the development of a strong organization.
- FCM has exceeded its annual goals with over \$290 million allocated to over 267 projects this past year.
- Four resolutions were debated and passed, including ensuring healthcare for rural and remote communities, ensuring municipal infrastructure is eligible for federal investment through new federal trade infrastructure programs, protecting Canada Post for small urban, rural, and remote communities, and addressing threats to Arctic sovereignty.
- Elected table officers, by acclamation:
 - President: Rebecca Bligh, City of Vancouver Councillor
 - First Vice-President: Tim Tierney, City of Ottawa Councillor
 - Second Vice-President: Kathy Valentino, Deputy Mayor of the City of Thompson
 - Third Vice-President: Marc Doret, Mayor of the City of Doval
 - Vice-President at Large: Amy Coady, City of Grand Falls-Windsor Councillor
- The City of Calgary thanks outgoing Past President Scott Pearce, who has been active with FCM’s Board of Directors since 2009, for his dedication to advancing municipal priorities.

Big City Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC) – 2025 May 29, Ottawa, Ontario

- New federal member of parliament and former Mayor of Vancouver, Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, shared with big city mayors that he is

committed to growing partnerships with municipalities, with a focus on scaling up (doubling) affordable housing and having municipalities prioritize it over market housing.

- Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy, also spoke at BCMC and shared that federal public spending will be constrained and encouraged municipalities to continue collaborating and innovating.
- Minister LeBlanc is looking forward to working with the provinces and creating a major projects office to speed up the development of projects of national importance. Municipalities will participate in this initiative.
- Minister of Finance and National Revenue, Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, shared that he recognizes the need to enable infrastructure to support growth and the expansion of trade corridors.
- Canada-U.S. relations were also a focus in the meeting, with guest speaker LaToya Contrell, Mayor of New Orleans, and Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), participating in discussions. USCM's has engaged in advocacy and opposes tariffs. BCMC appears committed to ongoing collaboration with USCM.

Upcoming FCM meetings and events

- FCM Committee Meetings, 2025 October 6-10 (virtually)
- FCM Board of Directors' Meeting, 2025 October 28-30 (Ottawa)

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