



Municipalities:

your partners in building
a stronger Canada

FCM's priorities ahead of the federal budget



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Municipal infrastructure
is the backbone of the
Canadian economy.

Ahead of the federal budget,
let's partner together
to build up Canada.



Amid a trade war and a housing crisis, your work as a parliamentarian is more crucial than ever.

Municipal leaders are right there with you.

The road to a stronger economy leads through our communities.

We're focused on the priorities:

1. Delivering **municipal infrastructure** that supports jobs and our economy amid the trade war—and enables new homes to be built.
2. Enabling more **affordable housing** in urban and rural communities, so everyone has a place to live.
3. Ensuring **safer communities** through investment in RCMP and local policing, crisis resourcing and bail reform.
4. Protecting Canadians from the impacts of **climate change and extreme weather** including storms and wildfires.



As Canadians face growing uncertainty, a strong intergovernmental partnership is essential to strengthen our economy for the long term and create the jobs our communities need.

Municipalities are ready to build the vital infrastructure that supports our economy, enables housing, and mobilizes people and goods across the country and beyond.

Canada's infrastructure deficit stands at \$270 billion, before future projects and investments.

The **Canada Community-Building Fund** is the most cost-effective and streamlined way to renew local infrastructure across Canada and meet housing targets.

With municipalities being the order of government most trusted by Canadians to take action on their priorities¹, FCM strongly recommends at least doubling the Canada Community-Building Fund and indexing it to GDP.

Local governments must maintain more than 60% of Canada's core public infrastructure, yet only collect 8 to 10 cents of every tax dollar.

¹ Abacus Data - September 2024 - Attitudes to the current state of Canada polling



As the federal government considers the next generation of municipal infrastructure funding to build up Canada and strengthen our economy, FCM is urgently calling for:

- › Creating a successor program to the **10-year \$33 billion Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program** which is over-subscribed.
- › Setting up a new **\$500 million per year rural municipal infrastructure fund**.
- › Maintaining the **\$3 billion per year** committed to the Canada Public Transit Fund.
- › Delivering dedicated funding per year of **\$1 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure**, for 10 years.
- › Ensuring **\$500 million funding per year** for community, culture and recreation infrastructure.
- › Topping-up the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program **by \$2 billion**, with an **additional \$1 billion per year** for the next decade.

About FCM

FCM is the national voice for Canada's local governments. We unite 2,000 municipalities of all sizes, from big cities to rural and northern communities. Together we represent more than 90% of Canadians.

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