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FCM March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Report to Council

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FCM Board of Directors

March 2025

Context

- ▶ Board meeting held in person **March 17 – 20**. Committee meetings held virtually two weeks prior.
- ▶ U.S. trade war and federal election forming important background context, with numerous FCM delegations to US held recently.
- ▶ Dorval, QC as the host municipality, who supplied study tours to the St Laurent Composting Centre and Montréal-Trudeau International Airport.



Advocacy Discussion – National Prosperity Partnership

- ▶ At this board meeting, FCM facilitated discussion on our strategy for the 2025 federal election.
- ▶ Throughout this federal election campaign, FCM is advocating a shift towards a prosperity agenda and a new **National Prosperity Partnership**.
- ▶ Through FCM, municipalities are credible national partners, and would focus on facilitating **dialogue and collaboration** with other orders of government to deliver a more resilient and competitive national economy.
- ▶ This is about aligning our orders of government for long-term efficiency in a challenging new economic reality. Adopting a **modernized approach** to municipal needs means local economies will have the long-term support they need, Canada's economic future will be reinforced, and we can deliver the on the issues that matter to Canadians.

Key Issues for Federal Election 2025

A **National Prosperity Partnership** is needed to move Canada forward by ensuring all orders of government work together. This will ensure better progress on the key issues:

- ▶ **Supporting local economic growth and resilience** so communities can attract businesses and ensure good jobs for Canadians.
- ▶ **Investing in infrastructure renewal** to drive productivity and competitiveness.
- ▶ **Achieving housing affordability** so Canadians (especially younger generations) can look to their future with confidence.
- ▶ **Ending homelessness** with solutions that work at the local level.
- ▶ **Keeping communities safe** and supporting vital emergency services.
- ▶ Reducing economic disruption by investing in **climate-resilient infrastructure**.
- ▶ Supporting thriving **rural, northern and remote communities**.



Advocacy Updates

Advocacy and delegations related to Canada / U.S. relations

Strategy: Leverage relationships with US mayors and associations

Emphasize the negative economic impact that President Trump's trade policies will have on U.S. communities, key messages tailored to each US region, asking US municipal leaders to speak with their federal officials to halt the tariffs.



5 Different delegations now dispatched:

- **With Council of the Federation** – Washington DC - Feb 10-12
- **U.S. Conference of Mayors** – Phoenix AZ - Feb 20-22
- **National Association of Counties** – Washington DC - March 1-4
- **National League of Cities (NLC)** – Washington DC - March 8-10
- **Trilateral Summit (U.S. / Canada / Mexico) of U.S. Conference of Mayors** – Washington DC - March 27-28 (post board)

Board Meeting – Decisions Taken

Endorsing UNDRIP

That FCM endorse and put in place actionable steps to embed its principles into FCM's Reconciliation Strategy.

Strategic Plan

That the Strategic Plan "Stronger together: Local strength, national prosperity" be approved.

FCM Budget 2025-2026



Board Meeting – Resolutions Adopted (1 of 2)

1. Supporting Canadians through a Stronger Canada Disability Benefit
2. Immigration Levels Plan
3. Food Insecurity – Groceries and Essentials Benefit
4. Cellular Coverage



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Board Meeting – Resolutions Adopted (2 of 2)

5. Healthcare Access
6. Standardized Wake Surfing Regulation
7. Online Sale and Importation of Fireworks
8. Enhancing Accessibility Under the Federal Plastic Straw Ban
9. Seeking Federal Support for a Federal Flushability Standard



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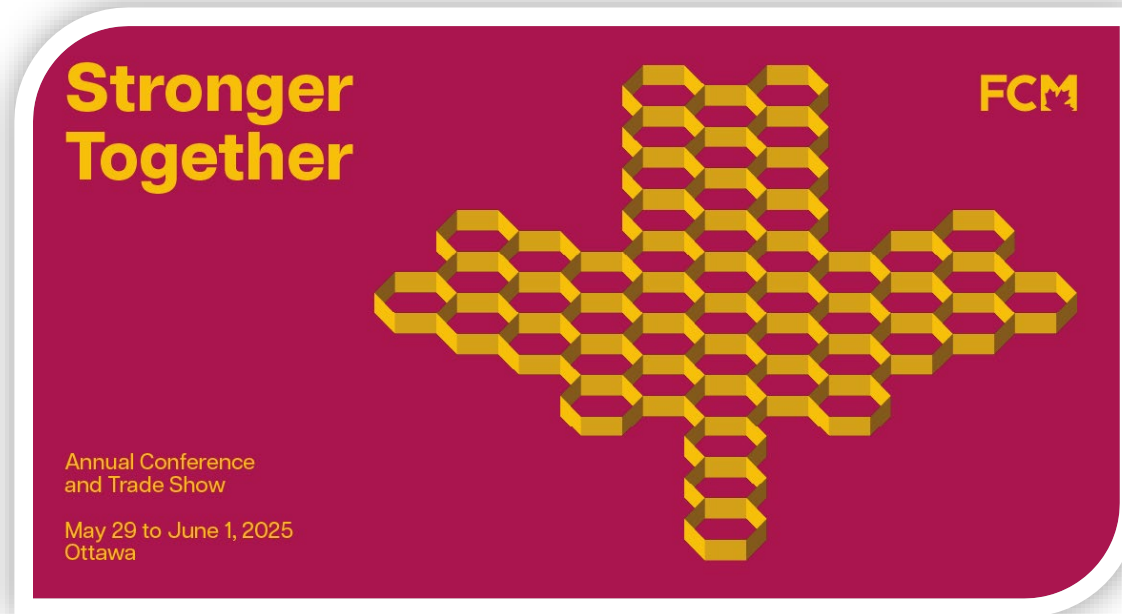
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Next FCM Board Meeting + Annual Conference

Board of Directors' virtual meeting: May 26

Annual Conference and AGM with board elections: May 29 to June 1, Rogers Centre, Ottawa, ON.



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