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Minister of Infrastructure  
and Communities



Ministre de l'Infrastructure  
et des Collectivités

Ottawa, Canada K1P 0B6

March 27, 2019

His Worship Rick Bonnette  
Mayor  
Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am pleased to inform you that, in accordance with the commitment in Budget 2019, the Government of Canada will provide an additional \$2.2 billion to the Gas Tax Fund. This one-time top-up will provide additional support to municipalities that face infrastructure deficits to support improved productivity, economic growth, a clean environment, and help to build strong cities and communities.

This special funding will be provided to Ontario recipients under the Canada–Ontario–Association of Municipalities of Ontario–Toronto Gas Tax Fund Administrative Agreement. An amount of \$819,443,895 will be provided to Ontario as well as individual signatories, and will then be distributed to ultimate recipients in accordance with the allocation formula used for gas tax payments made in 2018, as follows:

• Ontario:	\$819,443,895
○ Association Municipalities of Ontario	\$649,940,923
○ City of Toronto	\$167,421,424
○ Province of Ontario	\$2,081,548

Funds must be used in accordance with all the terms of the current Gas Tax Fund Administrative Agreement. Information on Ontario's federal Gas Tax Fund allocations per community prior to Budget 2019 can be found on Infrastructure Canada's website<sup>1</sup>.

The gas tax top-up funding is expected to be transferred following royal assent of Budget 2019.

March 14, 2019 marked one year since the Canada–Ontario Integrated Bilateral Agreement was signed.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2018/backgrounder-ontarios-2018-19-federal-gas-tax-fund-allocations.html>

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As I know you appreciate, under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, proposed projects must first be prioritized by the province before they are submitted to Infrastructure Canada for consideration.

As a reminder, through the Integrated Bilateral Agreement with Ontario, \$11.9 billion is available to the province and is broken down as follows:

- \$8.3 billion for public transit;
- \$2.8 billion for green infrastructure;
- \$407 million for community, culture, and recreation infrastructure; and
- \$250 million for infrastructure in rural and northern communities.

The one-time top-up to the Gas Tax Fund adds substantial dollars to this Agreement. More importantly, those dollars flow to you.

We believe this is an important step to take to ensure your local priorities have the resources needed so projects can get moving and, crucially, the summer construction season is not missed. We all know how important that season is to make real progress on projects, not to mention job creation locally.

In the meantime, we continue to press the Ontario government to open intakes for all four streams so as to maximize the number of projects we can build together for Ontarians in 2019 and the years ahead.

We know you have proposals ready, and last week's announcement in Budget 2019 is a clear signal that we are there to support you.

Spring is already (at last) in the air. It is time to get projects moving so we do not lose a historic opportunity to build our communities and create good-paying jobs now.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on our shared infrastructure interests.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

c.c. City Clerk and Council

Enclosure – Gas Tax Fund fact sheet

# THE FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND IN ONTARIO

The federal Gas Tax Fund delivers over \$2 billion every year to over 3600 communities across the country. For the 2018-19 fiscal year, this represents an investment of more than \$819 million from the Government of Canada to Ontario municipalities.

The **federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) is a permanent source of annual funding to provinces and territories**, who in turn flow this funding to their municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities.

**Every year, municipalities benefit** from the support and flexibility of the federal Gas Tax Fund. They can pool, bank, and borrow against this funding — providing significant financial flexibility to plan infrastructure projects over the long term. Projects are chosen locally and prioritized according to the infrastructure needs of each community.

Communities select how best to direct the funds and have the flexibility to make strategic investments across 18 different project categories.

Because many municipalities across Canada continue to face serious infrastructure deficits, **Budget 2019** proposes a **one-time transfer of \$2.2 billion** through the federal Gas Tax Fund to address short-term priorities in municipalities and First Nations communities. This will double the Government of Canada's commitment to municipalities in 2018–19, with **Ontario municipalities of all sizes sharing an additional federal investment in local infrastructure of over \$819 million, for a total of approximately \$1.64 billion.**

## QUICK FACTS:

- The federal Gas Tax Fund is allocated on a per capita basis for provinces, and provides a base funding amount of 0.75 percent of total annual funding for Prince Edward Island and each territory.
- On-reserve First Nations communities in provinces also receive an allocation on a per capita basis.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund has been indexed at two percent per year, meaning that it will continue to grow to provide additional support to municipalities.
- To date, more than \$23 billion has been invested in municipalities through the federal Gas Tax Fund.

# THE FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND

Eligible projects include investments in infrastructure for construction, renewal or material enhancement in each of the following categories:



1. **Local roads and bridges** – roads, bridges and active transportation infrastructure (active transportation refers to investments that support active methods of travel. This can include: cycling lanes and paths, sidewalks, hiking and walking trails).
2. **Highways** – highway infrastructure.
3. **Short-sea shipping** – infrastructure related to the movement of cargo and passengers around the coast and on inland waterways.
4. **Short-line rail** – railway-related infrastructure for carriage of passengers or freight.
5. **Regional and local airports** – airport-related infrastructure (excludes the National Airport System).
6. **Broadband connectivity** – infrastructure that provides internet access to residents, businesses, and/or institutions in Canadian communities.
7. **Public transit** – infrastructure that supports a shared passenger transport system which is available for public use.
8. **Drinking water** – infrastructure that supports drinking water conservation, collection, treatment and distribution systems.
9. **Wastewater** – infrastructure that supports wastewater and storm water collection, treatment and management systems.
10. **Solid waste** – infrastructure that supports solid waste management systems including the collection, diversion and disposal of recyclables, compostable materials and garbage.
11. **Community energy systems** – infrastructure that generates or increases the efficient usage of energy, including energy retrofits of municipal buildings.
12. **Brownfield redevelopment** – remediation or decontamination and redevelopment of a brownfield site.
13. **Sport infrastructure** – amateur sport infrastructure (excludes facilities, including arenas, which would be used as the home of professional sports teams or major junior hockey teams, e.g. Junior A).
14. **Recreational infrastructure** – recreational facilities or networks.
15. **Cultural infrastructure** – infrastructure that supports arts, humanities, and heritage.
16. **Tourism infrastructure** – infrastructure that attracts travelers for recreation, leisure, business or other purposes.
17. **Disaster mitigation** – infrastructure that reduces or eliminates the long-term impacts and risks associated with natural disasters.
18. **Capacity building** – investments related to strengthening the ability of municipalities to develop long-term planning practices (e.g., including local asset management planning, public transit network planning, etc.)

Note: Investments in health infrastructure (hospitals, convalescent and senior centres) are not eligible.





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March 21, 2019

Hon. Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Minister,

The Town of Halton Hills recently shared their resolution regarding Regional Government Review with the Premier. I wanted to ensure you received a copy.

Our municipal partners are important to the work we do as Members of Provincial Parliament, and I have always sought to work with the municipal leaders in my riding to strengthen our communities.

I know you are working closely with municipalities across Ontario as you complete the review of Regional Governments, in particular those with a two-tiered municipal structure.

As stated in their letter, the Town of Halton Hills would be happy to answer any questions you might have about their resolution and the Regional Government review.

Please keep me informed of any updates to the Regional Government Review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Arnott".

Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

Cc: Mayor Rick Bonnette  
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**From:** "Minister (MMAH)"

**Date:** March 20, 2019 at 9:07:01 AM EDT

**Subject:** A message from Minister Steve Clark

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March 20, 2019

Your Worship  
Mayor Rick Bonnette  
Town of Halton Hills  
[mayor@haltonhills.ca](mailto:mayor@haltonhills.ca)

Dear Mayor Bonnette:

Our government for the people was elected to restore trust, transparency and accountability in Ontario's finances. As you know, the province has undertaken a line-by-line review of our own expenditures, and we have been clear that we expect our partners, including municipalities, to take steps to become more efficient as well.

Municipalities play a key role in delivering many provincial services that people across Ontario rely on. Taxpayers deserve modern, efficient service delivery that puts people at the centre and respects hard-earned dollars.

Transforming service delivery and identifying more modern, efficient ways of operating is critical and complex work. As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I recognize that many of Ontario's small and rural municipalities may have limited capacity to plan and manage transformation, depending on the resources they have available and how far they have moved on their own modernization agendas.

That is why we are providing a one-time payment in the 2018-19 fiscal year to support small and rural municipalities' efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth in the longer term.

To ensure that this investment is targeted to where it is needed most, municipal allocations are based on a formula, which takes into consideration the number of households in a municipality and whether it is urban or rural.



While this investment is unconditional, it is intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as: service delivery reviews, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments. Our government believes that municipalities are best positioned to understand the unique circumstances and determine where and how this money is best spent.

I am pleased to share that Town of Halton Hills receive a one-time payment of \$156,503 which will flow in this fiscal year.

Staff from our regional Municipal Services Offices will be in touch in the coming days for your acknowledgement of this letter and to discuss any questions that you might have. I encourage you to work with ministry staff as you begin to think about the best way to proceed for your community. The Municipal Services Offices can offer advice and point to examples that may be helpful as you contemplate local solutions. In the future, we would be interested to hear about your modernization success stories.

Thank you once again for your commitment to demonstrating value for money. I look forward to continuing to work together to help the people and businesses in communities across our province thrive.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**VIA EMAIL**

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April 9, 2019

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Grand River Conservation, Joe Farwell  
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Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Kris Fletcher  
City of Guelph, Stephen O'Brien  
Wellington County, Donna Bryce  
Norfolk County, Andy Grozelle  
Brant County, Heather Boyd  
City of Burlington, Angela Morgan  
Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones  
Town of Milton, Troy McHarg  
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

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Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:**      **Notice of Motion from Mayor Rick Bonnette and Councillor Colin Best re: *Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019***

**WHEREAS** the Paris and Galt moraines cut across several municipalities: Peel Region, Wellington County, the City of Guelph, Region of Waterloo, Norfolk County, Brant County and Halton Region; and three Conservation Authorities: Grand River Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and Conservation Halton;

**WHEREAS** Municipalities within the Grand River watershed are dependent on groundwater as the source of municipal drinking water and are designated as urban growth centres in the Province's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017, namely Guelph, Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo;

**Regional Municipality of Halton**

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**WHEREAS** critical primary recharge areas in the moraines require protection in order to protect the future drinking water supplies in the area;

**WHEREAS** a conservation plan for the Paris and Galt moraines would provide an important policy framework to protect the critical ecological and hydrological integrity of the area;

**AND WHEREAS** the inter-jurisdictional complexity of the Paris and Galt moraines warrants the assistance of provincial leadership in the development of policy for its protection;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** Halton Regional Council supports and endorses the passage of Bill 71, the *Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019*;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's MPP's, MPP Mike Schreiner, the Leaders of the Ontario Opposition Parties, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Grand River Conservation Authority, the Regional Municipality of Peel, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, Wellington County, Norfolk County, Brant County and the Local Municipalities for their endorsement.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your consideration and endorsement.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,



Graham Milne  
Regional Clerk  
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April 8, 2019

Dear Head of Council:

The Ontario government recognizes the importance of animal welfare. We also know that the province's animal welfare landscape is changing.

Recently, the Superior Court of Justice provided a ruling on *Bogaerts v. Attorney General of Ontario*. This ruling affects the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) Act*, which is the province's main legislation on animal welfare. While the Ontario government is appealing this decision, we intend to strengthen and improve animal welfare.

In addition, the OSPCA has advised me that it will withdraw from its current role of enforcing animal welfare legislation in the communities it serves, effective June 28, 2019.

The Ontario government is actively working to ensure appropriate measures are in place to provide animals with the protections they deserve and that Ontarians expect. To inform our next steps, my ministry will survey municipalities about the current landscape of animal welfare enforcement, including details of bylaws and existing partnerships.

Municipalities are important partners in developing an approach that ensures effective enforcement, is transparent and accountable, and ultimately improves the animal welfare system across Ontario.

Should you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ms. Jenna Bendayan of my office at (647) 274-9353 or [Jenna.Bendayan@ontario.ca](mailto:Jenna.Bendayan@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones'.

Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General

c: Ms. Jenna Bendayan



**Canadian Federation of University Women Georgetown**  
21 Garnet Drive, Georgetown ON L7G 1K5

March 27, 2019

Mayor Rick Bonnette and Members of Council  
Town of Halton Hills  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills Ontario L7G 5G2

Your Worship and Members of Council:

This month, in line with CFUW Clubs across Canada, our Club polled its 81 members on the issues they view as most important in the coming federal election.

Of 13 issues presented, **the issue chosen most often was "environment / climate change."** Early results show that the result is the same for Clubs across Canada.

We applaud the Town for initiatives already underway: sustainability activities, green energy monitoring, the Climate Change Adaptation Plan, bike lanes, trail development, and more.

We urge you to continue with initiatives that will promote energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, mitigate climate change, and protect the Town's natural beauty, for the sake of our citizens and our future.

Respectfully

Darlene Hammond, Co-President CFUW Georgetown

April 2, 2019

The Honourable Marc Garneau MP  
Transport Canada  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

Dear Mr. Garneau, MP,

At the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, the Council of the Town of St. Marys received a delegation from All Aboard St. Marys, an advocacy group that is leading the fight for better Canadian rail passenger service. During the regular meeting of Council on March 26, the following resolution was passed:

**Whereas** The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys supports the National Transportation Policy, being a declaration in Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states:

*It is declared that a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment and makes the best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest total cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians and enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are most likely to be achieved when:*

*(a) competition and market forces, both within and among the various modes of transportation, are the prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;*

*(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes that cannot be achieved satisfactorily by competition and market forces and do not unduly favour, or reduce the inherent advantages of, any particular mode of transportation;*

*(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;*

*(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and*

*(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system.*

**Whereas** The government of Canada has subsequently stated: “we are serious about climate change” and “smart investments in transit help connection communities .... We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future”;

**Whereas** Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building up transit to reduce congestion and connecting communities;

**Whereas** The Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

**Whereas** The frequency of VIA trains running on the North Main Line from Sarnia to London and from London through St. Marys/Stratford to Toronto has been reduced from 14 in 1977 to 4 today;

**Whereas** There is a need for balanced transportation with more people using transit and less using automobiles;

**Whereas** The changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

**Whereas** There is a need to visit tourist sites such as the Stratford Festival, The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum;

**Whereas** The annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

**Whereas** There are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

**Whereas** the Town of St. Marys requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

**Be It Resolved** That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability, ticket cost and speed of VIA rail service on the North Main Line in 2019.



As outlined in the above resolution, the Council of the Town of St. Marys is seeking the support of the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada by increasing the frequency, reliability, ticket cost and speed of VIA rail service on the north main line in 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information or clarification in regards to the request of St. Marys Town Council.

Sincerely,

Jenna McCartney, Dipl.M.A  
Deputy Clerk

cc. Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton  
Rick Bonnette, Mayor, Town of Halton Hills  
Cam Guthrie, Mayor, City of Guelph  
Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor, City of Kitchener  
Dave Jaworsky, Mayor, City of Waterloo  
Ed Holder, Mayor, City of London  
Dan Mathieson, Mayor, City of Stratford  
Joanne Vanderheyden, Mayor, Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc  
Lonny Napper, Mayor, Town of Plympton-Wyoming  
Bonnie Crombie, Mayor, City of Mississauga  
Mike Bradley, Mayor, City of Sarnia  
John Tory, Mayor, City of Toronto  
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John Nater, Member of Parliament, Perth Wellington  
Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, Canada



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# Taking our place

## Report to Council:

Meeting of FCM's Board of Directors

March 12-15, 2019

Penticton, British Columbia

*This document summarizes key themes from this meeting of the Board of Directors and Standing Committees of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). It is designed to support participants in reporting back to their local/regional councils on their progress with FCM.*

## Message from FCM's president

Dear board and committee members,



What an exciting time to be a part of municipal government in Canada. And what a privilege it is for me to be working with such an energized group of local leaders.

Once again, we're seeing our hard work paying off. Members of this board have already helped drive historic progress on our infrastructure and affordable housing priorities. Now Federal Budget 2019 marks a real turning point in our journey to build better lives for Canadians—by modernizing how governments work together.

As the order of government closest to people's daily challenges, we know what's needed on the ground. We are also best positioned to deliver the most cost-effective solutions that work. That's why we come together at FCM. It's why we take time out of our busy schedules to meet throughout the year.

As the unified voice of local government, our strength is rooted in nearly 2,000 elected local and regional councils across the country. This Report to Council is a tool to help you keep your colleagues updated on our progress. Its key messages can also support you in reaching out to municipalities who are not yet FCM members—to strengthen our united voice for the road ahead.

With FCM's five-year strategic plan approved in Penticton, and a federal election on the horizon, this is our time. It's our time to take our rightful place as an order of government—and from there, to build better lives for Canadians across this country

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Vicki-May Hamm". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Vicki-May Hamm  
Mairesse, Ville de Magog  
FCM President

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REPORT TO COUNCIL: FCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MARCH 2019

## Overview

The Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) met in Penticton, British Columbia this March 12-15—the week before a crucial federal budget, and seven months before the next federal election.

FCM is the national voice of local government, with nearly 2,000 member municipalities representing more than 90 percent of Canadians. FCM advocates for municipal priorities and delivers capacity-building tools directly to municipalities. Its priorities are driven by our elected FCM Board of Directors whose 73 members represent communities of all sizes and regions. FCM's board also oversees various committees and forums.

More than a year in the making, board members approved **FCM's Strategic Plan (2019-2024)** at this meeting in Penticton. It's a map to a future where municipalities have taken their place as *full partners* among orders of government—*empowered* with legislative and fiscal tools that recognize their autonomy and potential, with *enhanced capacity* to build local solutions to national priorities.

Board members also reviewed FCM's intensive efforts to shape **Federal Budget 2019**—with an eye to scaling up efforts for the coming election. Days later, we would all learn that we'd secured a major results, including a one-time doubling of Gas Tax Fund transfers and a \$1.01 billion investment in FCM's programming. Budget 2019 also launches a plan for universal broadband access—a direct response to the high-profile advocacy campaign mandated and shaped by FCM's board and its Rural Forum.

**Federal Election 2019**, just seven months off, was high on the agenda in Penticton. Board members reviewed progress on the building blocks of FCM's pre-election campaign—including government relations, platform development, communications/media, and member/stakeholder engagement. FCM's outreach to all national parties continues to intensify. Meanwhile, efforts are ramping up toward FCM's 2019 Annual Conference in Quebec City, as a major public-facing milestone for our message. As a top priority, FCM continues to develop new tools to support our most powerful resource: *FCM members and their local voices*.

Throughout the week, board members conducted pressing business through meetings of **standing committees, regional caucuses, and provincial and territorial association representatives**. Board members also adopted several **resolutions from members** calling for action on key national priorities. This included passing an amended resolution recognizing the crisis in some of Canada's energy-producing regions and calling for a strong, multi-dimensional response from the Government of Canada.





## Focus on Federal Budget 2019

As we met in Penticton, Budget 2019 was just days from being announced. For weeks, Board members had been busy reaching out to local MPs and media to support FCM's pre-budget advocacy. Together, we had been driving the message that this budget was a critical time to deliver for Canadians—by empowering the local governments closest to their daily lives.

Two working days after we left Penticton, we saw our efforts pay off in Budget 2019. This is a budget that elevates our municipal-federal partnership as the way to build better lives for Canadians across the country.

- **Doubling next year's Gas Tax Transfer puts tools directly in local hands.**  
Growing this proven funding for municipalities means more projects move forward—from roads and bridges to public transit.
- **Prioritizing rural broadband access acts directly on local expertise.**  
We led the way in making a powerful case for a plan to achieve universal high-speed Internet in Canada.
- **Investing in FCM doubles down on delivering directly for Canadians.**  
Delivering \$1.01 billion through FCM's Green Municipal Fund will make life more secure and affordable for millions of Canadians.

This budget marks a turning point for FCM and local government. By elevating our partnership, it charts a path toward a fully modernized federal-municipal relationship that puts the right tools in local hands. With months to go until a pivotal federal election, that's something all national parties can agree is critical to getting more done for Canadians.

In Penticton, our Election Readiness Working Group specifically reviewed FCM's pre-budget tactics with an eye to scaling up for Election 2019. Those tactics ranged from a direct advocacy blitz to an advertising campaign on broadband that micro-targeted federal decision makers on social media and select publications.

### Read more

- FCM President Vicki-May Hamm's statement on Budget 2019
- FCM's Budget 2019 analysis: *A turning point for local government*
- FCM's pre-budget recommendations: *A critical time to deliver for Canadians*





## FCM's strategic plan (2019-2024)

In Penticton, board members approved FCM's next five-year strategic plan. This caps more than a year of engagement with members, staff, stakeholders and Canadian thought-leaders. Through a chain of board meetings leading to this one, directors brought deep insight to the vision and values that will guide FCM in the years ahead.

As FCM enters an exciting new phase—fresh off a turning-point budget, heading into an election—all members should feel energized by the guidance offered by this strategic plan. It's a map to a future where municipalities have taken their place as **full partners** among orders of government, **empowered** with legislative and fiscal tools that recognize their autonomy and potential, with **enhanced capacity** to build local solutions to national priorities.

### Strategic goals

Our strategic plan guides FCM to focus energy and resources to achieve **six goals** over the next five years.

1. New intergovernmental arrangements that formally recognize the role of empowered municipalities as full partners in nation-building.
2. Municipalities that have modern fiscal tools providing the resources and autonomy to address a broad range of locally-defined priorities.
3. Federal policy and regulatory frameworks that enable municipalities to efficiently deliver local programs and services.
4. A new generation of FCM's capacity-building initiatives that support municipal innovation, and are delivered through strategic partnerships with the federal government and relevant stakeholders.
5. An FCM that utilizes innovative approaches, tools and skills in convening municipal leaders to address emerging priorities.
6. An FCM that is led by a modernized model of governance, is appropriately resourced, and continues to be a nimble and efficient organization achieving maximum results for the municipal sector.



## Committees & forums

FCM's Board of Directors oversees various committees and forums that provide crucial direction and insight on a wide range of issues and priorities. Highlights from the March 12-15 meeting include:

- **Election Readiness Working Group:** Discussed federal party election platforms; FCM's evolving election priorities, tools and tactics that were deployed in the run up to the Budget 2019; and those that will be needed in the run-up to the federal election (including "teasing" out priority issues, and developing new tools for outreach and engagement).
- **Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development:** Reviewed the national plastic waste strategy, federal policy recommendations on municipal waste management, infrastructure investments to reduce climate risks, household energy efficiency and the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program. Also updated FCM policy on GHG emissions.
- **Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government:** Discussed FCM's Women in Local Government Scholarships and Awards and Toward Parity in Municipal Politics. There was also brief discussion of the recent Cabinet shuffle combining International Development and Women and Gender Equality portfolios.
- **International Relations:** Delved into federal plans to develop a national strategy on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), efforts to align FCM programming with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, FCM international projects, and engagement in global networks.
- **Municipal Finance and Intergovernmental Arrangements:** Discussed Election 2019 proposals for new fiscal tools, research and advocacy for a modernized federal-municipal relationship, issues related to Canada Post, and Canada's ongoing free trade negotiations. Also approved FCM's support of Halton's case on federal-municipal jurisdiction through the Legal Defense Fund.
- **Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy:** Discussed funding through the Investing in Canada Plan, transit funding, impacts of autonomous vehicles, and policy updates to enable advocacy on natural infrastructure projects. Also discussed FCM submissions and legal cases related to telecommunications, FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program, and the federal government's inter-city bus strategy.
- **Northern and Remote Forum:** Discussed northern climate adaptation and GHG mitigation programs, the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, the Nutrition North Canada program, the National Broadband Strategy, and the Northern and Remote Forum workshop at FCM's Annual Conference and Tradeshow.
- **Rural Forum:** Received a briefing on FCM's advocacy and research on rural economic development and rural issues related to federal policy development and programming. Also discussed FCM's National Broadband Strategy, rural-specific programming at the 2019 Annual Conference, and rural priorities related to FCM's election work on new fiscal tools.
- **Social-Economic Development:** Advanced housing policy and election priorities related to homelessness, supportive housing and housing affordability. Discussed FCM's reconciliation priorities for the election, particularly related to the Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples program, and municipal-First Nation partnerships.
- **Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention:** Expanded FCM's policy on substance use, addiction and emergency recovery. Recommended additional effort to address rural crime. Discussed flood insurance, floodplain mapping, the Emergency Management Strategy, DFAA eligibility criteria, federal actions on gun and gangs, and FCM advocacy on cannabis legalization.

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## Resolutions

FCM members submit resolutions for the board's consideration on subjects of national municipal interest. Our resolutions process recognizes diverse voices while providing a focus for building a united municipal voice to drive concrete action. Resolutions considered in Penticton include the following:

- **Federal Support for Energy Infrastructure Projects:** Board members discussed and amended a resolution recognizing the crisis facing some of Canada's energy-producing regions. The final text calls on the federal government to support nation-building energy infrastructure projects that respect local jurisdiction, provide revenue to municipalities and meet high environmental standards. It also calls on them to provide support to energy producing regions, including by investing in projects that enable a transition to renewable energy production.
- **Expand the Airports Capital Assistance Program:** With a focus on opening up peripheral regions, the Board adopted a resolution to urge the federal government to increase funding and extend eligibility for the Airports Capital Assistance Program to all small airports, including those providing commercial passenger service to fewer than 1,000 passengers per year.
- **Gender-Based Violence:** The Board approved a resolution to endorse in principle the federal government's national strategy to address gender-based violence. The resolution also calls on FCM to advocate for municipalities to be consulted on how the strategy and the funding is implemented.
- **Priority Funding of Flood Prevention Capital Projects:** The Board approved a resolution calling on the federal government to make infrastructure funding for flood prevention projects—such as the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), which has a \$20 million minimum threshold—more accessible to small communities.
- **Streamlined Process for Sediment Management:** Building on FCM's advocacy on the federal *Fisheries Act*, the Board approved a resolution calling on Fisheries and Oceans Canada to provide guidance to municipalities on how to remove debris from rivers and creeks in order to reduce flood risk in a way that limits harm to fish and fish habitat and does not require federal approval.
- **Affordable Housing for Seniors:** The Board approved a resolution calling on the federal government to work with community partners to develop solutions for the lack of seniors' housing and to provide the necessary long-term funding to support the construction of a full range of affordable seniors' housing choices. This resolution points to the need for funding under the National Housing Strategy to support seniors housing, especially in smaller communities, and continues FCM's longstanding affordable housing advocacy.
- **Investing in Indigenous Peoples:** In the spirit of reconciliation, the Board adopted a resolution calling on the federal government to undertake the investments needed to address the root causes of inequity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. As a first step, the resolution urges collaboration with Indigenous peoples.

Full text of approved resolutions  
[fcm.ca/fcm-resolutions](http://fcm.ca/fcm-resolutions)

## Road to Federal Election 2019

A full year ago, FCM's Board of Directors identified the 2019 federal election as potentially transformative for municipalities, calling for the most intensive pre-election advocacy push in the history of our organization.

In Penticton—seven months from election day—board members checked on our progress and our strategy for the months ahead. This included a comprehensive update led by Policy and Public Affairs Executive Director Carole Saab. She elaborated on the core building blocks of our campaign: government relations; platform development; communications and media; member and stakeholder engagement; and the last-stretch campaign.



FCM's success in shaping Federal Budget 2019 shows that our strategy is on track. We had targeted this budget as a key milestone to advance our narrative—that empowering local leaders is the best way to build better lives for Canadians. This budget elevates our federal-municipal partnership in important ways. In doing so, it sets the tone for what's possible in Election 2019.

Our goal is to ensure that deep municipal empowerment is baked into the election platforms of all the national parties. Our efforts should foster healthy competition among parties to put forward the best commitments—the ones that best empower the governments closest to people's everyday hopes and challenges.

Ahead of Budget 2019, FCM tested communications approaches that can be scaled up toward the election. These included rich and consistent storytelling—through earned media, op-eds and government relations—emphasizing how local leaders *build better lives*. Another example is a cost-effective advertising campaign that “micro-targeted” federal decision makers through social media and select publications.

In Penticton, board members re-enforced a core idea: *FCM members are our best campaign tool*. They provide the local voice and the local context that can make our message connect with real people. FCM is developing to support their efforts to reach out through traditional and social media, and directly with local MPs and candidates.

FCM's pre-election efforts are building toward our next big public-facing milestone: FCM's 2019 Annual Conference in Quebec City. This is a vital opportunity to connect with all parties and their leaders and to start getting them on record making early public commitments to local governments.



## Key points

- FCM's Board of Directors met in Penticton, British Columbia, this March 12-15. FCM is the national voice of local government, with nearly 2,000 members representing more than 90 per cent of all Canadians.
- We met at a pivotal moment—as FCM launches its five-year strategic plan, one week before an important federal budget, and seven months before a vital federal election.
- With FCM, municipalities are taking their place. On the heels of unprecedented gains on infrastructure and housing, FCM's board is strategizing next steps to more fully empower local governments.
- In Penticton, the board launched FCM's five-year strategic plan. Its six strategic goals are built to elevate municipalities as full partners among orders of government—empowered by tools that recognize their potential to build better lives.
- We passed several resolutions—including one recognizing the crisis in Canada's energy-producing regions and calling for a strong response from the Government of Canada.
- Budget 2019 is a turning point. Two working days after leaving Penticton, we saw months of work pay off—with a budget that elevates our federal-municipal partnership as the key to building better lives.
- This budget delivers immediate gains: a doubling of next year's Gas Tax Fund transfer; a plan for universal broadband Internet access; and \$1 billion invested in programs for our communities delivered by FCM.
- This budget sets the stage for more: by doubling down on working directly with municipalities to build better lives, it raises the bar for all national parties in the coming election.
- We reviewed FCM's progress toward Federal Election 2019. We continue to ramp up intensive efforts targeting all national parties—encompassing government relations, platform development, communications, and member/stakeholder engagement.
- This election is a historic opportunity. This is our time to take our place as an empowered order of government—to build better lives for Canadians living in communities of all sizes.



March 21, 2019

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- Development charges at risk.
- Submit for the P.J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award by May 10.
- The top questions about digital signatures.
- Have your say - Waste & Litter Discussion Paper.
- Call for applications for the Authorized Nominating Authority under the *Construction Act*.
- Apply for Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Funding.
- OSUM Conference program update.
- It's Not Science Fiction - 2019 Risk Management Symposium.
- AMO Conference exhibitor opportunities.
- New councillor training.
- Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics.
- NEW! Upcoming RETScreen workshop in Pembroke.
- Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace - May 29.
- Energy reporting webinars from the Ministry of Energy.
- Career Opportunities.

### AMO Matters

AMO believes growth should pay for itself. AMO and municipal governments fear the Province will make changes to development charge fees and move new development water servicing costs to water rates. This will mean massive increases to water rates, forcing existing residents and businesses to fund future growth. Developers who profit from growth, should pay for new service demands. Peel Region is warning its residents, before it is too late. Other municipalities may want to borrow from its local advocacy efforts.

The P.J. Marshall Award showcases projects implemented by Ontario municipalities that point to tangible outcomes from new, more cost effective ways of providing public services and facilities.

Each week we will profile a key question about digital signatures. Q2: Are digital signatures secure? Can they be hacked? [Click here](#) for the answer.

### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks' [Discussion Paper](#) on Waste & Litter is out for comments. [Register](#) for AMO's webinar to learn about our response.

The Ministry of the Attorney General recently put out a call for applications for the Authorized Nominating Authority under the *Construction Act*. If you have any questions, contact [Amber Crawford](#).

### Federal Matters

The Government of Canada is [accepting funding proposals](#) under its Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs. Successful applicants can receive funding for up to 5 years. Deadline: April 12th, 2019.



**Eye on Events**

OSUM Update: We are pleased to announce Jeffrey Simpson, former National Affairs columnist for The Globe and Mail, will be the opening keynote speaker at the OSUM Conference. Spaces are filling up fast - [register today!](#)

Join LAS at the Risk Management Symposium where we will discuss potential cyber and technology threats; how to prepare and be aware. Book your hotel now for September 12 and 13, and take advantage of the AMO discount. More information in the coming months. [Registration](#) is now open.

Showcase your product or service at the 2019 AMO Conference in August. Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? Then register today for the AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall. Exhibit spaces are still available - [download the exhibitor application today](#).

As a member of council what do you need to know? Learn what it takes to be an effective team member and a municipal leader. Space is available for the last two remaining sessions in Owen Sound and London for March 27 & 28. [Register today](#).

The Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics workshop will reinforce the central role municipalities play in implementing and managing the land use policy in Ontario. Space is available for the last two remaining sessions in Owen Sound and London for March 28 & 29. [Register today](#).

You asked, we listened! Due to popular demand, another [RETScreen Performance Analysis Workshop](#) has been added to the roster. Workshop will take place in the City of Pembroke on April 23. Registration is now open for public sector organizations - submit your [registration form](#) today!

AMO will host a 1-day session on mental health in the municipal workplace at the Holiday Inn Airport on May 29. Stay tuned for details on registration and the program. For more information contact [Amber Crawford](#).

**LAS**

The Ministry of Energy is hosting two webinars for BPS Energy Reporting under O.Reg. 507/18. [Annual Reporting webinars](#) will be held on March 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 and June 5. [CDM Plan Update webinars](#) will be held on March 20, April 3 & 17 and May 1. All webinars run from from 12 pm - 1 pm EST. Click the links above to join.

**Careers**

[Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe](#). Reports to Manager of Economic Development. Employment Status: Permanent, Full-Time. Location: Midhurst. Reference Code: 248. Closing Date: March 29, 2019. To view the job description and submit your application online, please [click here](#).

[Deputy Director of Public Works - Township of Clearview](#). Reports to Director of Public Works. Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer. Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting job # 2019-008 to Human Resources by April 5, 2019 to: [hr@clearview.ca](mailto:hr@clearview.ca).

[Fire Chief - City of Sarnia](#). Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Closing date: April 5, 2019. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume in confidence to [hr@sarnia.ca](mailto:hr@sarnia.ca) indicating "Fire Chief" in the Subject line.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of South Frontenac](#). For more information about this

May 4, 2019. By no later than 4:00 p.m. April 9, 2019, please email your cover letter and resume (in .doc or pdf format only) in confidence to: Ron Vandewal, Chair of the CAO Recruitment Committee, c/o Emily Caird, Township of South Frontenac, Sydenham, Ontario, K0H 2T0; email: [ecaird@southfrontenac.net](mailto:ecaird@southfrontenac.net).

**General Manager/Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (CFO) - Municipality of Chatham-Kent.** Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Position leads the Finance, Budget & Information Technology Services Department. For instructions on submitting your interest in this position, please see the job profile found under Municipal Jobs on the Municipality's website. Applications must be received before 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019.

**Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Pelham.** Resumes must be submitted directly to Brianna Langohr, Human Resources & Health and Safety Coordinator at [hr@pelham.ca](mailto:hr@pelham.ca) by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2019. Submissions are accepted under Career Opportunities under the Town Hall menu.

**Chief Administrative Officer - City of Sault Ste. Marie.** Please submit cover letter & resume by 4:30 pm, Monday, April 15, 2019 to: CAO Selection Committee, c/o Human Resources, 99 Foster Drive, Civic Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 5N1. Email: [human.resources@cityssm.on.ca](mailto:human.resources@cityssm.on.ca). We thank all applicants for their interest in this position, however only those receiving an interview will be contacted.

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March 28, 2019

### In This Issue

- The top questions about digital signatures.
- New *Police Services Act* passed.
- Have your say - Waste & Litter Discussion Paper.
- Apply for Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Funding.
- OSUM Conference 2019.
- 144 days remaining until the AMO Conference!
- RETScreen workshop coming to Pembroke!
- Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace - May 29.
- LAS Blog: Natural Gas Program update.
- No change to SaveONenergy incentives for LAS programs.
- Federal Carbon Pricing System - Blog and webinar link.
- High Interest Savings Account.
- Buying power delivers best value for taxpayers.
- Career with Bruce County.

### AMO Matters

Each week we will profile a key question about digital signatures. Q3: Who has control over the digital signature? Can they be hacked? [Click here](#) for the answer.

### Provincial Matters

Bill 68 received Royal Assent. Implications for municipalities are largely unchanged from the repealed Bill 175. Municipal highlights include: 1) Community Safety and Well-Being Planning is now mandatory for Councils. AMO is pleased the Bill now compels police services to participate in the development of such plans. 2) The consolidation of OPP detachment boards will be completed through pending regulations. 3) Training for police service boards becomes mandatory. AMO will be monitoring the provincial budget on April 11 for community safety planning and board training support.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks' [discussion paper on Waste & Litter](#) is out for comments. [Register for AMO's webinar](#) to learn about our response.

### Federal Matters

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Another [RETScreen Performance Analysis workshop](#) has been added to the roster. Join us on April 23 in Pembroke to learn how to analyze utilities for your O.Reg. 507/18 Energy Plan. Spaces are filling up. [Register today!](#)

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### **LAS**

Weather has a significant effect on natural gas prices. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) to see how this winter affected prices, and how [LAS Natural Gas Procurement](#) works to provide stability to municipal governments.

SaveONenergy may be [changing](#), but our programs are not. LAS is here to help you with the IESO's Retrofit and Training & Support incentives for our [Facility Lighting](#), [Street Lighting](#), and [Energy Training](#) programs. [Contact us](#) to get started.

The Federal Carbon Tax takes effect April 1. How will this affect your municipality? Click [here](#) to watch the recorded webinar that was hosted by LAS and program partner Edison Energy, or [read the blog](#).

### **ONE Investment**

ONE Investment's highly successful [High Interest Savings Account](#) currently earns investors a highly attractive return of 2.415%. It is the perfect place to park monies that will be required in the short term. Contact [ONE@oneinvestmentprogram.ca](mailto:ONE@oneinvestmentprogram.ca) to learn how you can open an account for your municipality.

### **Municipal Wire\***

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### **Careers**

[Income and Employment Supports Manager - County of Bruce](#). Reports to Director, Human Services. Location: Walkerton Administration office. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at [Bruce County Employment](#) following the outlined process. Please note that although a resume and cover letter are required, this does not eliminate the need to complete the Applicant Profile as resumes are screened electronically. Deadline for applications is April 11, 2019.

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April 4, 2019

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- The top questions about digital signatures.
- Waste Litter Discussion Paper - AMO Webinar April 9.
- Province extends timeline for 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plans.
- Rowan's Law (Concussion Awareness) Regulatory Proposal now posted.
- Apply for Immigration Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Funding.
- OSUM Conference 2019.
- 136 days remaining until the AMO Conference!
- Registration open for AMO's Mental Health Symposium.
- Upcoming RETScreen Workshop in Pembroke.
- Join Evergreen for an open smart cities Idea Camp in Ottawa!
- Buying power delivers best value for taxpayers.
- Need a summer intern?
- Careers with Burlington and Bluewater.

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### Provincial Matters

Comments on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks' [discussion paper on Waste & Litter](#) are due April 20. [Register for AMO's webinar](#) to learn about our response.

In response to a request from AMO, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is extending the timeline for municipal councils to compete their 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plans until the end of the 2019 calendar year. This will provide more time for municipal councils to consider the impacts of the new Canada-Ontario National Housing Strategy funding on local activities.

A regulatory proposal for the Rowan's Law Act is now [open for public comment](#). The proposal defines 'sports organization' and requires 'sports organizations' to develop protocols to increase concussion safety. Deadline: April 18th, 2019.

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AMO's first Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace Symposium takes place May 29, 2019. Topics, registration and location information are available [here](#).

Need a head start in your July 1 Energy Plan? LAS is offering an additional [RETScreen Performance Analysis workshop](#) in Pembroke on April 23. Less than 3 weeks away, so [register today!](#)

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Hire a Master of Public Policy student from the University of Toronto to help with policy analysis, research, communications and more. Contact the Master of Public Policy Careers Team at [mppcareers@utoronto.ca](mailto:mppcareers@utoronto.ca). To learn more about this program visit our website [here](#).

### **Careers**

[City Manager - City of Burlington](#). If you possess a rare combination of political acumen and exceptional leadership to have a meaningful impact in one of the most "desirable" communities in North America, please contact Kartik Kumar at [kartik.kumar@lesp.ca](mailto:kartik.kumar@lesp.ca) for more details and a complete position profile. Application Deadline: April 16, 2019.

[Manager of Public Works - Municipality of Bluewater](#). Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. A job description of this position can be found on the Municipality's [website](#). Please submit a covering letter and resume by 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2019 to: Jodi Overholt, Executive Assistant, Municipality of Bluewater, 14 Mill Avenue, P.O. Box 250, Zurich, ON, N0M 2T0. Email: [joverholt@municipalityofbluewater.ca](mailto:joverholt@municipalityofbluewater.ca)

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