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## Strengthening our foundation

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FCM continues to secure unprecedented tools and influence for municipalities of all sizes. From the doubling of this year's Gas Tax Fund transfer to historic investments in infrastructure, housing, broadband and more, we're helping communities build better lives.

As our wins have grown, so too has the need for resources to deliver on those wins, to build on them—and to make them permanent.

## **That's why, this September, FCM's elected Board of Directors unanimously adopted a revised dues structure for members.**

This modest revision—our first in 10 years—ensures FCM has a strong foundation to continue delivering historic results. It enables us to take more frequent and sustained action on a growing range of issues through unparalleled government relations, expert policy analysis, media and member engagement, and more.

A strong municipal-federal partnership demands a strong municipal voice in Ottawa. Together, we can make empowered local governments the new normal. And we can shape Canada's future.

Read below to learn more—and watch the short video from FCM's CEO, Brock Carlton. You can also email [membership@fcm.ca](mailto:membership@fcm.ca).

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## **Questions and answers**

How do the new member dues work?



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Why aren't the old member dues enough?



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Can't you just cut costs?

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What about the Legal Defense Fund and Special Advocacy Fund?

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## What FCM has achieved for its members

FCM has secured unprecedented tools and influence for municipalities of all sizes—so they can build better lives for Canadians.

- The doubling of this year's **federal Gas Tax Fund transfer**, with an additional \$2.2 billion to get local projects off the ground faster.
- The **\$180-billion federal infrastructure plan** to support critical upgrades to roads, bridges, recreation centres, wastewater systems—and more.
- Canada's first-ever **national housing strategy**, including key commitments to repair and build affordable housing across the country.
- A **strengthened seat at the table** through unprecedented engagement with federal, provincial and territorial ministers, as well as opposition leaders and the Prime Minister.
- The **\$2 billion rural and northern infrastructure fund**, with higher federal contributions and commitments to streamline project administration.
- A **10-year federal transit plan**, with direct allocations that put municipalities in the driver's seat—from project selection to delivery.
- Better access to **high-speed broadband Internet** through significant investments in bringing connectivity to every community.
- Nearly \$1 billion for **Green Municipal Fund** leadership on energy efficiency, as well as new capacity-building programs on asset management and climate innovation.
- **Key Election 2019 commitments**—from getting more infrastructure and transit projects built to bringing a rural lens to federal programs and policies.

## What FCM members are saying

**“FCM has been hugely successful at delivering for its members. With historic federal investments—in infrastructure, housing, rural broadband, and more, plus programs like the Green Municipal Fund and Municipal Asset Management Program—we’ve all benefitted from their work and influence on Parliament Hill. If we want to build on those gains and make them permanent, we need to ensure FCM has a strong foundation.”**

**—Adam Lordon, Mayor, City of Miramichi, NB**

**“As the municipal-federal relationship grows, it’s more important than ever to have a strong local government voice in Ottawa. FCM understands the realities of municipalities of all sizes—and they should have the resources to keep delivering unprecedented results.”**

**—Leah Main, Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay, BC**



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