



Building Prosperity *together*

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Discuss next steps in the New Deal

Canada's cities and communities made great progress during the past year, as the campaign for a New Deal gathered momentum.

The year saw a number of significant breakthroughs: the transfer of a portion of federal gas tax revenues worth some \$ 5 billion over five years; an accelerated payout of the \$1-billion Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund; a special \$800-million transit fund; and a federal budget commitment of \$1.6 billion for affordable housing.

Despite this success, we must remember that the campaign for the New Deal does not end with short-term financial measures. We have said all along that the issues in our cities and communities will not be solved by money alone or by any single government. We have said that Canada needs a long-term plan to eliminate the \$60 billion infrastructure deficit. And we have said that the heart of the New Deal is partnership—governments working together to serve Canadians better.

We must and will continue to make the case for a long-term infrastructure plan and for a new partnership, one that gives municipal governments a voice when issues affecting their communities are discussed. Only when all orders of government work together will we be able to tackle the problems in our cities and communities. Only when we have a national plan backed by a long-term federal commitment will we have the certainty and the resources needed to defeat the infrastructure deficit.

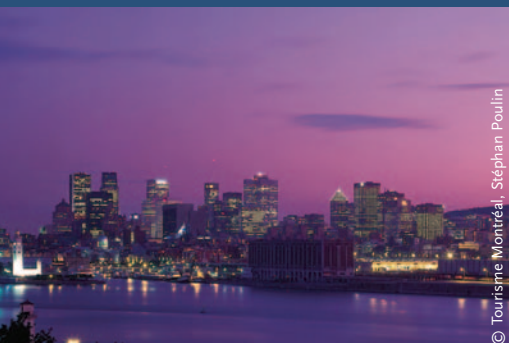
"Building Prosperity Together," the theme of FCM's 2006 Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™, sharpens the focus of the New Deal campaign, emphasizing both the long-term goal and the strategy needed to transform Canada's cities and communities and ensure our prosperity. This year's conference will focus on the outstanding issues facing municipal governments, examine their causes, and look at how new intergovernmental partnerships can be harnessed to deal with them effectively.

Plan to attend

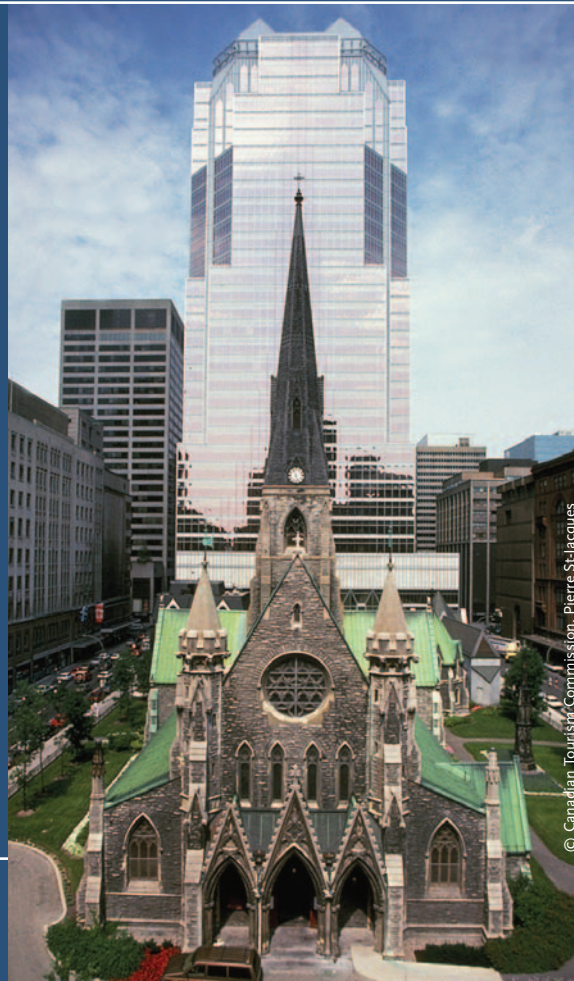
FCM's annual conference and trade show help municipal leaders tap into a vital network of resources, policies and strategies. From informative seminars and workshops to thought-provoking plenary sessions, everyone with a stake in the municipal sector will benefit from attending Canada's largest municipal event.

Budget now

Be sure to include FCM's annual conference and trade show in your upcoming budget. The conference and trade show are designed to give political leaders and senior staff an opportunity to engage in professional development. Consider sending a team from your community to learn about and take home leading-edge innovations and solutions.



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Share ideas and best practices

Learn how to build sustainable communities

à la Montréal



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Montréal is home to some 3.4 million inhabitants, who represent no fewer than 80 different ethnic groups. Montréal truly lives up to its reputation as an international city.

Because Montréal always loves to celebrate, it has naturally become a city of dazzling international festivals. Visitors and Montrealers alike join in the festivities, succumbing to the city's mixture of European and North American charm that surprises and enchants.

It is a genuine thrill to gaze over Montréal from the heights of one of the many belvederes that grace Mount Royal, or from the impressive Olympic Stadium's inclined tower, or from Parc Jean-Drapeau amidst the St. Lawrence River. Seen from the spectacular Casino de Montréal, the downtown district, nestled between the river and the mountain, sparkles with light, reflecting the ceaseless activity, day and night.

Dynamic and modern but respectful of its architectural heritage, Montréal successfully blends the old with the new. A trip through the past in Old Montréal and the Old Port reveals the origins and the growth of the colony.

Although rooted in its past, Montréal looks to the future, having earned a reputation as a world leader in cutting-edge technologies such as aeronautics, information technology and biotechnology. Montréal is also an innovator, whether in the field of medical technology and equipment, the arts (for example, the Cirque du Soleil, modern dance and experimental theatre), information technology (software and multimedia productions) or in urban development (a unique underground city).

Perhaps what visitors notice most about the city is the vitality and *joie de vivre* of Montréal's inhabitants, as experienced in neighbourhood markets, boutiques, restaurants and cafés.

History combines with passion... *à la Montréal.*

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Conference at a glance

Registration opens

Thursday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies

Friday morning, June 2

Municipal Expo™

Friday, June 2 and

Saturday, June 3

Welcoming Reception

Friday evening, June 2

Resolutions Plenary

Saturday, June 3

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 4

Dinner and Dance

Sunday, June 4

Closing Delegates' Luncheon

Monday, June 5

Details will be available in the preliminary program, which will be mailed in late January 2006.

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IMPORTANT: By completing the information below, you will receive your preliminary conference program (including registration information) for FCM's 69th Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™, to be mailed in January 2006.

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