

Vexatious Requests – Requests or complaints intended to harass, annoy, or disrupt staff or Council, or part of a repeated pattern that abuses the complaint or service process.

5. Examples of Conduct Covered

Unreasonable Behaviour may include excessive demands on staff time, persistently raising previously addressed issues without new information, hostile or offensive language directed at staff or Council, making unfounded complaints against staff, or threats of legal action requiring cessation of direct communication with staff or Council and engagement of the municipal solicitor.

Frivolous or Vexatious Requests may include repetitive or obsessive requests for information, attempts to reopen resolved issues, requests designed to cause disruption or maximum inconvenience, or harassment through frequent, baseless correspondence.

6. Responsibilities

Employees: Document interactions in detail, report unsafe or uncomfortable situations to supervisors, and notify supervisors of potentially unreasonable, frivolous, or vexatious requests.

Supervisors: Review incidents and determine if restrictions are warranted, work with staff to apply appropriate measures, bring matters forward to the CAO, and ensure compliance with legal and trespass protocols.

CAO: Make determinations regarding unreasonable, frivolous, or vexatious conduct, consult with the municipal solicitor and/or Integrity Commissioner, communicate restrictions (or delegate to solicitor), and conduct regular reviews.

Council Members: Support the application of this policy.

7. Procedures

Monitoring and Review: All cases are reviewed individually by the CAO, considering personal circumstances, the nature of requests, and prior resolution efforts. Unless determined otherwise by legal counsel, the Integrity Commissioner or the Ontario Ombudsman, notices of restrictions include rationale and are reviewed regularly (every 3–6 months, not exceeding 12 months).

Potential Restrictions: Limiting communication formats or points of contact, requiring supervised interactions, restricting or regulating access to services or facilities, or referral to municipal solicitor/trespass notices.

8. Appeals

Individuals may appeal restrictions in writing within 10 business days. The CAO or Integrity Commissioner or Legal Counsel reviews and may confirm, amend, or rescind restrictions. Unresolved complaints may be submitted to the Ontario Ombudsman.



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: November 26, 2025

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

Resolution Number: 2025-

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor

WHEREAS violent home invasions have increased in several regions of Ontario, creating growing fear and frustration among residents;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient or clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;

AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;

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AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;

AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Calvin strongly supports the Province of Ontario's call for strengthened homeowner self-defence protections, including the adoption of clear and robust "castle law"-type provisions to ensure that law-abiding residents can protect themselves without fear of unjust prosecution.
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3. Council demands that the federal government amend the Uniform Crime Reporting system to classify "home invasion" as a distinct criminal offence, allowing for accurate tracking, targeted enforcement, and informed public policy.
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The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario,

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MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.

Results:

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2025-xx passed by the
Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 25th day of November 2025.

Donna Maitland
CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

Agenda Item: Resolution – Background Report (Submitted by Mayor Gould)

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has repeatedly called for a review or adoption of “castle laws” in Canada, beginning June 16, 2025, and continuing in August and October of 2025. Premier Ford has emphasized that Ontario families must feel safe in their homes and that law-abiding residents should not face legal uncertainty when legitimately defending themselves from violent intruders.

Several urban and suburban regions, including York and Peel, have experienced a documented rise in violent home invasions and have established dedicated task forces to address this trend. In contrast, rural communities lack reliable statistics because “home invasion” is not recognized as a distinct offence under the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. As a result, these incidents are recorded under broader categories such as break-and-enter or assault, making it difficult to assess the true scale of the problem outside major urban centres.

Rural residents face additional vulnerabilities due to limited policing resources and significantly longer emergency response times, which can leave homeowners without immediate protection during life-threatening situations. These conditions highlight the need for clearer legal protections for homeowners, improved crime-tracking practices, and decisive action from both provincial and federal governments to enhance public safety.

Resolution: Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

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From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: November 6, 2025 5:27 PM
To: CAO <CAO@calvintownship.ca>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Fall Economic Statement



AMO Policy Update – Fall Economic Statement

Top Insights

- The Fall Economic Statement makes some targeted investments in response to tariffs, but no update on a much-needed property tax re-assessment.
- The government will introduce legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* which will have significant implications for municipal employers.

2025 Fall Economic Statement

The province is now projecting a \$13.5B deficit for 2025-26, down from the \$14.6B originally projected in the 2025 Budget. Projected deficits for 2026-27 remain unchanged at \$7.8B. The government is projecting a return to surplus in 2027-28.

The Fall Economic Statement largely summarizes previously announced funding initiatives. It does include \$100 million in new funding for the Ontario Together Trade Fund to help small and medium businesses affected by US

tariffs to shift and diversify sales to new markets. Municipalities will not be eligible for this funding.

The government will introduce legislation that will have significant implications for OMERS governance. These changes are outlined in the [Final Report on the 2025 OMERS Governance Review](#). The [Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario \(MEPCO\)](#) is working to understand the implications of these changes and mitigate risks for municipal employers.

Unfortunately, the Fall Economic Statement included no update on the province's plans for a property tax reassessment. A provincial review of the property tax system was announced in 2023 but no results have been released. AMO will continue to advocate for a return to a regular assessment cycle to support a fair and transparent property tax system.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 6, 2025

FONOM Welcomes Northern Commitments in Ontario's Fall Economic Statement

Gore Bay, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) acknowledges the Ontario government's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, which highlights several important investments and initiatives that will directly benefit Northern communities. FONOM is encouraged by the Province's commitment to balance its books by 2027-2028 while continuing to invest in key infrastructure and affordability measures. The government's decision to match the federal cut to the HST on new home purchases for first-time buyers, up to \$1 million, will provide meaningful support to Ontarians seeking affordable housing.

For Northern Ontario, several initiatives stand out — including the pilot project to bring ride-sharing services to communities along the Northlander corridor, the commitment to source GO Transit bi-level rail coaches in Thunder Bay, and, as previously mentioned, the investments in road infrastructure such as the Greenstone corridor toward the Ring of Fire.

FONOM also welcomes the increased **Connecting Links program funding to \$45 million**, the rise of the **Ontario Community Infrastructure Program (OCIP) minimum to \$125,000**, and the **\$50 million increase to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), now totalling \$600 million**. These measures will provide municipalities with greater capacity to maintain and improve local infrastructure and essential services.

The government's ongoing investment in clean water systems, now totalling \$4 billion, including \$1.6 billion for upgrades, represents a significant step toward long-term sustainability for many Northern communities.

"The increase to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund and the higher minimum under the

Ontario Community Infrastructure Program are positive steps for our member communities,” **said Dave Plourde, President of FONOM.** “We’ll continue to advocate on issues that impact Northern municipalities, including the effects of tariffs on local economies. As this is a Fall Economic Statement, FONOM looks forward to continuing our work with the Province to ensure Northern communities can address their current challenges and are prepared to contribute to Ontario’s overall success.”

FONOM also acknowledges the fiscal challenges outlined in the Statement, with Ontario ending last year with a deficit just over \$1 billion and projecting a \$14.5-billion shortfall for 2025-26. Despite these pressures, the Province continues to make important commitments that reflect confidence in the North’s role in driving growth and opportunity.

FONOM will continue to advocate for policies and programs that reflect the unique needs and priorities of Northern municipalities.

Media Contact:

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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

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Poverty reduction strategy survey

We want to hear from people in Ontario to help us assess Ontario's 2020–2025 poverty reduction strategy and inform the next strategy. Share your experience and perspectives.

Final date to respond: November 30, 2025

This survey should take around 20 minutes to complete.

Ready to do the survey?

By participating in this survey, you are saying that you:

- understand that your participation is voluntary, confidential and will not impact any access to services or supports
- understand that you can choose not to answer any question or stop the survey at any time
- agree to share your responses to inform the next poverty reduction strategy

If you would like to tell us more beyond what you can say in this survey, you can send us a written submission (for example, a paper or letter sharing your perspectives). We welcome a wide range of submissions — from personal stories to community observations and suggestions.

When you have finished with the survey or your written submission you may:

- drop it off at your local Ontario Disability Support Program or Ontario Works office
- scan it and email it to prs@ontario.ca
- mail it to: **Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
Strategic Policy Division
315 Front Street West, 3rd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 0B8**

Please send us your responses by **November 30, 2025**.

Your information will be protected under our [privacy statement \(ontario.ca/privacy\)](#) and handled in accordance with the **notice of collection** included at the end of this document. If you have questions on how identifying information included with a submission will be used, please contact the survey team at prs@ontario.ca.

Section 1: Your profile

First, we want to learn more about you to better understand who we are hearing from and help us hear the diverse perspectives of Ontarians. This information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with anyone.

1. Where in Ontario do you live?

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| ☐ Algoma | ☐ Kenora | ☐ Peterborough |
| ☐ Brant | ☐ Lambton | ☐ Prescott and Russell |
| ☐ Bruce | ☐ Lanark | ☐ Prince Edward |
| ☐ Chatham-Kent | ☐ Leeds and Grenville | ☐ Rainy River |
| ☐ Cochrane | ☐ Lennox and Addington | ☐ Renfrew |
| ☐ Dufferin | ☐ Manitoulin | ☐ Simcoe |
| ☐ Durham | ☐ Middlesex | ☐ Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry |
| ☐ Elgin | ☐ Muskoka | ☐ Sudbury |
| ☐ Essex | ☐ Niagara | ☐ Greater Sudbury |
| ☐ Frontenac | ☐ Nipissing | ☐ Thunder Bay |
| ☐ Grey | ☐ Northumberland | ☐ Timiskaming |
| ☐ Haldimand-Norfolk | ☐ Ottawa | ☐ Toronto |
| ☐ Haliburton | ☐ Oxford | ☐ Waterloo |
| ☐ Halton | ☐ Parry Sound | ☐ Wellington |
| ☐ Hamilton | ☐ Peel | ☐ York |
| ☐ Hastings | ☐ Perth | |
| ☐ Huron | | |
| ☐ Kawartha Lakes | | |

2. What have been your sources of income in the past 2 years? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Income from my job
- ☐ Income from my business
- ☐ Employment insurance (EI)
- ☐ Severance payment from a previous employer
- ☐ Scholarship, grants and/or student loans
- ☐ Employer pension
- ☐ Gifts or loans from family and friends
- ☐ Personal savings and investments
- ☐ Rental income
- ☐ Ontario Works (OW)
- ☐ Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- ☐ Child support
- ☐ Spousal support (alimony)
- ☐ Worker's compensation
- ☐ Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- ☐ Old Age Security (OAS)
- ☐ Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- ☐ Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS)
- ☐ Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other: _____

3. What is your current employment status? Select the option(s) that best apply to you.

- ☐ Working full-time (work 30 hours or more at one job)
- ☐ Working part-time (work less than 30 hours at one job)
- ☐ Working multiple part-time or full-time jobs
- ☐ Working in casual, seasonal or short-term position (less than one year)
- ☐ Working in own business, farm or professional practice, alone or in partnership
- ☐ Working directly towards the operation of a family farm or business without formal pay arrangements
- ☐ App or platform-based work where you get paid per job/task
- ☐ On paid leave from employer (for example, parental or work injury leave)
- ☐ Recently unemployed (less than 6 months)
- ☐ Long-term unemployed (6 months or more)
- ☐ On strike or locked out
- ☐ Temporarily laid-off from a job with indication of being recalled within the next 6 months
- ☐ Actively looking for full-time work
- ☐ Actively looking for part-time work
- ☐ Not looking for work due to retirement
- ☐ Not looking for work because of illness or disability
- ☐ Not looking for work because of personal or family responsibilities
- ☐ Not looking for work because of full-time study or training
- ☐ Not looking for work because of part-time study or training
- ☐ Not looking for work for other reasons
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

4. Do you identify as having a disability? Choose all that apply:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ No | ☐ Learning disability |
| ☐ Visual disability | ☐ Intellectual or cognitive disability |
| ☐ Physical disability | ☐ Mental health disability |
| ☐ Hearing disability | |
| ☐ Other: _____ | |

5. Which best describes your current housing situation? Select all that apply.

- ☐ I live in housing owned by me or a member of my household
- ☐ I rent from a private company or individual that is not my relative or employer
- ☐ I rent from a housing co-operative/co-op
- ☐ I rent from a not-for-profit organization that is not a housing co-op
- ☐ I rent from a government (for example, municipal, provincial, territorial or federal government, or indigenous entity) and my rent is subsidized
- ☐ I rent from a government and my rent is not subsidized
- ☐ I rent from a relative
- ☐ I live with a relative but do not pay rent
- ☐ I rent from an employer
- ☐ I live in supportive or transitional housing
- ☐ I live in a retirement or long-term care (LTC) home
- ☐ I stay with friends and family for a few days at a time (also known as couchsurfing)
- ☐ I live in a shelter
- ☐ I live in a vehicle
- ☐ I live outdoors
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other: _____

6. What is your age?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| ☐ Under 15 | ☐ 46 to 59 |
| ☐ 15 to 17 | ☐ 60 to 75 |
| ☐ 18 to 24 | ☐ Over 75 |
| ☐ 25 to 29 | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
| ☐ 30 to 45 | |

7. Which term best describes your gender identity?

- ☐ Man (or boy)
- ☐ Woman (or girl)
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe: _____

8. Which term best describes your ethnicity? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Indigenous/First Nations/Métis/Inuit
- ☐ African
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ East Asian
- ☐ European
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ South or Latin American
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ Southeast Asian
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other: _____

9. What is your Canadian citizenship or immigration status?

- ☐ Born a Canadian citizen
- ☐ Naturalized Canadian citizen (immigrated to Canada and now have Canadian citizenship)
- ☐ Permanent resident for less than 5 years
- ☐ Permanent resident for more than 5 years
- ☐ Refugee claimant (refugee in the process of claiming asylum)
- ☐ Protected person status (asylum claim accepted)
- ☐ Student visa
- ☐ Work visa
- ☐ I do not have immigration status in Canada
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other: _____

10. What language(s) do you speak regularly at home?

- ☐ English
- ☐ French
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other language(s): _____

11. Which best describes your household?

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Married couple with children | ☐ Living alone |
| ☐ Married couple without children | ☐ Living with parents |
| ☐ Unmarried couple with children | ☐ Living with other relatives |
| ☐ Unmarried couple without children | ☐ Living with non-relatives |
| ☐ Single parent | ☐ Prefer not to answer |
| | ☐ Prefer to self-describe: _____ |

12. What is the highest education level you have completed?

- ☐ No certificate, diploma or degree
- ☐ High school diploma or equivalency certificate
- ☐ Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma
- ☐ College, CEGEP, other non-university certificate or diploma
- ☐ University certificate or diploma (but not a bachelor's degree)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Postgraduate diplomas, certificates and degrees
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Section 2: Your experiences with affordability

Thank you for your responses! Now, we want to hear about your experiences and challenges with affordability and supports that you would find helpful.

13. In the past year at any point, have you had trouble paying for necessities such as food, clothing, housing or transportation?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Always
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

14. What are the most important affordability issues in your life or in your community right now? [Share in 300 words or less.]

15. What kinds of supports would most help you or your community with affordability? Select up to 10.

- ☐ Help getting food
- ☐ Help getting income supports (for example, Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program)
- ☐ Help getting clothing and personal care items and services (for example, a shower)
- ☐ Help keeping safe from mistreatment, abuse, violence or harm
- ☐ Help finding housing or a safe place to stay
- ☐ Ongoing support to maintain housing
- ☐ Help to settle in Ontario after immigrating or seeking asylum
- ☐ Help with accessing government services (for example, getting a health card and applying for eligible benefits)
- ☐ Help with aging and/or accessibility needs (for example, independent living support and assistive devices)
- ☐ Health care (for example, physical health needs, long-term care supports, and others)
- ☐ Mental health supports and services
- ☐ Addictions support and services
- ☐ Help with financial tasks (for example, opening a bank account and filing taxes)
- ☐ Help with addressing financial abuse from intimate partner (for example, misuse of funds and assets without consent, theft, coercion or manipulation)
- ☐ Help with raising children (for example, parenting, child development, navigating the early years/child care and school system and making sure children are succeeding in school)
- ☐ Help taking care of family members (for example, caring for children, elderly relatives or parents)
- ☐ Access to transportation

See more options on next page

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- ☐ Access to technology (for example, internet, phone, and computer)
- ☐ Legal supports
- ☐ Supports to learn English or French language skills
- ☐ Help getting culturally appropriate and/or gender-affirming supports and services
- ☐ Reducing impact of justice system involvement on employment and/or transitioning back to community
- ☐ Recognition of foreign credentials
- ☐ Employment services (for example, career counselling, help searching for a job and job matching)
- ☐ Support to pursue educational or skills training opportunities
- ☐ Co-op placements, internships or apprenticeships
- ☐ More and better jobs being available in my community
- ☐ I'm not sure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other: _____

16. If you could tell your, someone else's or your community's story about poverty to someone in government, what would you want them to know? [Share in 300 words or less.]

Section 3: Feedback and suggestions for the poverty reduction strategy

Thank you for sharing your experiences. Now, we want to ask for your thoughts on the 2020–2025 poverty reduction strategy and your suggestions for the next strategy.

Over the past few years, the 2020–2025 poverty reduction strategy has focused on:

- **Encouraging job creation and connecting people to employment:** making investments in schools, job training, and programs to help people learn new skills
- **Connecting people with the right supports and services:** making it easier for people to get help with their health, education and job training
- **Making life more affordable and building financial resiliency:** working to lower the cost of living and increasing support in times of need
- **Accelerating action and driving progress:** using facts and working with businesses, non-profits and other levels of government to enhance access to services

You can skip any of these questions if you prefer not to answer:

17. In your opinion, has there been a program, service, policy or other government action that has worked best in helping achieve the poverty reduction goals listed above?

18. What do you think should be the priorities for reducing poverty in Ontario?
[Share in 300 words or less.]

Section 4: Interest in a follow-up interview

Thank you for your suggestions!

We are interested in speaking with people in Ontario to learn more about their experiences with affordability.

19. Would you be interested in participating in a follow-up interview with a representative from the Ontario Public Service?

The conversation will be up to 45 minutes and confidential. Selected participants will be compensated for their time. Your survey response may be used to select interviewees. **Note:** We will only contact those selected for an interview.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered yes, please provide your name and preferred contact. This information will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside of the survey analysis team.

19a. Preferred name:

19b. Preferred contact (email, phone or other method):

If you changed your mind about participating, please select "No" to question #19.

Your privacy matters

Thank you for sharing your feedback. Your perspective is important to us.

All input will be analyzed in non-identifying ways by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for the purposes of assessing and developing the next poverty reduction strategy for Ontario. Everything you shared in the survey will be confidential and only accessed by ministry staff analyzing results.

If you chose to sign up for potential future engagement activities, your contact information will only be used by the survey analysis team to contact you for potential engagement and will not be shared with anyone else, except as authorized by law.

Notice of collection of personal information

Personal information that we receive through the poverty reduction strategy consultation may be used to:

- assess the 2020–2025 poverty reduction strategy and inform the next one
- contact you for follow-up if you share your contact information and wish to be contacted

If you share your personal information, it will be:

- protected under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and any other applicable legislation or directives
- kept confidential and not be shared with anyone beyond staff analyzing engagement results, unless required by law

In exceptional circumstance we may be required by law to disclose personal information. For example, the ministry may be required to disclose information to police or a children's aid society if you:

- make a direct threat to harm yourself or someone else
- tell us about criminal activity
- indicate there is reason to suspect that a young person has been abused and/or is in need of protection

Legal authority

We are authorized to collect personal information related to the poverty reduction strategy consultation under:

- subsection 38 (2) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
- subsection 5 (1) and clause 6 (2) (b) of the *Poverty Reduction Act, 2009*.

Contact

Email prs@ontario.ca if you have questions about the poverty reduction strategy consultation or how we collect and use your personal information, or write to:

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Strategic Policy Division
315 Front Street West, 3rd Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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INFRASTRUCTURE AS CRITICAL TO CANADA'S ECONOMY, LONG-TERM PLAN AT SCALE STILL
NEEDED**

Budget 2025 recognizes local infrastructure as critical to Canada's economy, long-term plan at scale still needed



November 4, 2025

Ottawa, ON – Budget 2025 recognizes the importance of local infrastructure in meeting Canada's housing, trade diversification and economic goals. But without a sustained, long-term plan at scale, the federal government's ambition won't match the scale or urgency of the challenge.

"Budget 2025 acknowledges that municipal infrastructure is essential to Canada's productivity and trade," said Rebecca Bligh, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). "New and reprofiled investments will help communities move faster on some things now,

but a long-term plan at scale to fund the infrastructure that makes national housing and economic goals achievable is still needed.”

Budget 2025 includes a mix of some new and largely reprofiled investments. Of the \$51 billion announced for the Build Communities Strong Fund, a significant portion reflects existing commitments which communities had already incorporated into their long-term plans. While this will provide some early momentum for communities, without a sustained infrastructure plan at scale, Canada’s ability to meet the moment to achieve ambitious goals like building 500,000 homes annually is at risk.

It will also be critical to ensure that the available dollars outlined today are deployed efficiently and reach communities without delay. As local governments assess the full scope of the budget, FCM remains focused on ensuring communities have the tools they need to deliver results. That means reliable municipal infrastructure funding to move goods, keep Canada competitive and connect people to work and services. It also means supporting the most vulnerable—people who rely on shelters, public transit, food banks, addiction services, and community centres to get through each day.

FCM welcomes several measures that signal progress for communities across the country. These include:

- With new dollars moving through federal-provincial/territorial mechanisms, leveraging proven channels such as the Canada Community-Building Fund, over a long-term plan at scale, will be critical to meeting national goals.
- \$6 billion for municipal infrastructure over 10 years through the Direct Delivery Stream under the Build Communities Strong Fund.
- \$12.2 billion for infrastructure, including housing-enabling infrastructure, that’s to be cost-matched by the provinces and territories and linked to reducing development charges where

applicable. This approach responds to FCM's advocacy to take a longer-term, province-by-province approach to development charges.

- A new \$1 billion over four years for an Arctic infrastructure fund.
- \$5 billion over seven years for a trade diversification corridors fund, which municipalities will be eligible for.

FCM is ready to work with the federal government to ensure municipalities can deliver on shared priorities—from housing affordability to climate resilience and economic growth.

Across Canada, shovel-ready projects like Winnipeg's North End Sewage Treatment Plant, Brighton's major wastewater system upgrade to support over 3,000 new homes in Ontario and Montcalm's plan to develop 52 residential lots in the Manitoba community are waiting on federal investment to move forward. The projects are ready, the ambition is clear, what's needed is sustained municipal infrastructure investment at scale to unlock delivery. Municipalities are ready to build now.

The ***Federation of Canadian Municipalities*** is the national voice of municipal governments, with over 2,000 members representing more than 90 per cent of the Canadian population.

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FEDERAL BUDGET 2025: CANADA STRONG

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1. BUDGET AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

[2025 Federal Budget](#), [Budget News Release](#)

2. FEDERAL BUDGET 2025 PRIORITIES

The 2025 budget stresses a number of themes:

- Building a Stronger Canadian Economy
- Shifting from Reliance to Resilience
- Empowering Canadians
- Protecting Canada's Sovereignty and Security
- Creating a More Efficient and Effective Government

3. MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS**INFRASTRUCTURE**

- \$51B over 10 years, starting in 2026/27, and \$3B per year ongoing in new and existing funding for the new **Build Communities Strong Fund**, to be administered by Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada. This includes funding through provincial and territorial governments – and through them to municipalities – to support a wide range of infrastructure projects. The program will have three streams:
 - Provincial and Territorial Stream – \$17.2B over 10 years, starting in 2026/27, to support provincial and territorial infrastructure projects and priorities. Funding will support housing-enabling infrastructure, health-related infrastructure, and infrastructure at colleges and universities. To access funds, provinces and territories must agree to cost-match federal funding and to substantially reduce development charges and not levy other taxes that hinder the housing supply.
 - Within the Provincial and Territorial Stream, \$5B over three years, starting in 2026/27, will be dedicated for a Health Infrastructure Fund. This fund will complement existing health-related support provided to provinces and territories for infrastructure such as hospitals, emergency rooms, urgent care centres, and medical schools. Recognising the critical need to strengthen health