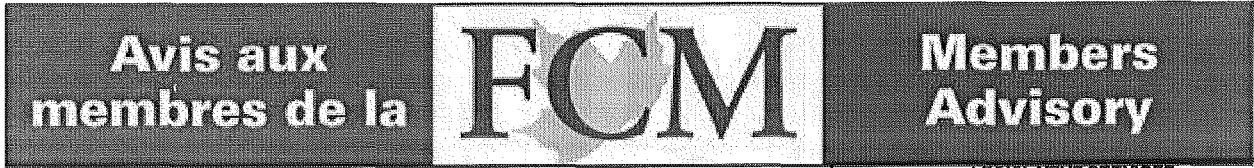


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Today marks the launch of FCM's website roadtojobs.ca — an online tool to keep members updated on the status of federal infrastructure stimulus funding programs, valued at more than \$12 billion over the next two years.

Roadtojobs.ca describes the steps required to turn federal stimulus funding from budget commitments into municipal construction work sites. Roadtojobs.ca outlines the accountability of each order of government (federal, provincial-territorial, municipal) and will provide monthly status updates for key milestones and program information for this funding/project process.

Roadtojobs.ca will help members, media, other stakeholders and the general public to better understand the required steps and overall context of how the public purse is being used to boost the economy and invest in cities and communities. The site will complement and add to government updates by providing an independent, municipal-sector perspective and assessment of the status of federal stimulus programs.

Visit roadtojobs.ca and bookmark this site to access regular updates on federal infrastructure spending and its impact for municipalities Canada-wide.

Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF): As cities and communities begin to take advantage of federal stimulus funding, it is important to note that FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) can be stacked to represent the municipal contribution to innovative environmental infrastructure projects that improve air, water and soil quality, and protect the climate.

Combinations of grants and loans are available for capital projects in five sectors of municipal activity: brownfields, energy, transportation, waste and water. GMF offers loans at rates far lower than any municipal government can get on the market — rates for municipalities are 1.5 per cent lower than the Government of Canada bond rate and even further below market rates. For more information, visit the GMF website at www.fcm.ca/gmf

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