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COP21: How Canadian municipalities can tackle climate change at home and on the global stage

The phrase 'Think globally, act locally' takes deeper meaning this fall, as all levels of governments from more than 190 countries gear up for the United Nations Summit on climate change, known as COP21, happening in Paris this December.

The goal of the summit is to discuss a new international agreement to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts of climate change. It will apply to all countries — and municipalities. FCM along with other local government partners will attend to represent the voice of local government.

In the lead up to the summit, FCM and our member municipalities continue to be engaged in a range of activities and international discussions on the role of local governments in addressing climate change.

Here is a re-cap of some key events that took place over the summer and some ideas for how your municipality can get involved in the months leading up to, and beyond, the COP21 summit.

Join our webinar to learn what's planned for local governments at COP21!

[Register today for our October 21 webinar](#) and learn what is planned for COP21, with a focus on items of interest to local government. See how organizations like FCM will be participating.

Three ways you can showcase your municipality's action on climate change

Here are three ways you can showcase your municipality's climate change commitments and actions leading up to, and beyond, the COP21 Summit:

1. Report your community's climate activities on the [carbonn Climate Registry](#).
2. Submit your municipality's [milestone achievements](#) to the [PCP Secretariat](#). These will be highlighted at COP21 by FCM as part of the local government delegation.
3. Contact [Devin Causley](#), manager of FCM climate change programs, and ask to stay informed about the FCM delegation and related activities at COP21.

More than COP21: FCM and Canada's municipalities take part in climate change summits this summer

In addition to COP21, there are many other ways that Canada's local

governments have been involved in other international climate change events and summits over the past few months.

- In July, FCM President Raymond Louie participated in the World Summit Climate and Territories.
- Following the summit, Canada's Big City Mayors made a united call for climate action at all levels of government.
- Canadian municipalities also participated in the Climate Summit of the Americas to call on national governments in the Americas to finalize a global agreement in December 2015 through the Climate Action Statement.



Milestone 5 success stories: How Pickering and Whitehorse achieved our highest distinction!

Looking for ways to support climate change initiatives in your community? Get ideas and learn from two of our latest success stories from the City of Pickering, ON, and City of Whitehorse, YT. Both cities have achieved the PCP program's highest distinction by completing all five milestones in PCP's Milestone 5 framework.

The City of Pickering, ON, achieved Milestone 5 through several projects aimed at reducing energy use in municipal facilities. The city shares advice for other communities:

- **Understand and identify ways to overcome internal barriers.** Create additional positions to address a lack of resources needed to oversee projects.
- **Highlight the benefits to your community.** Show the community how lighting upgrades can improve the quality of the environment as well as provide energy and emissions savings.
- **Engage municipal employees.** Help city staff members view

NEWEST MEMBERS

- Municipality of Trent Lakes, ON
- Township of Cavan Monaghan, ON
- County of Lanark, ON
- Town of Beaumont, AB
- Town of Drayton Valley, AB

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Town of Halton Hills, ON, Corporate and Community Milestones 1-3
- Comox Valley Regional District, BC, Corporate Milestones 4-5
- City of Richmond, BC, Corporate and Community Milestones 2-3
- City of Oakville, ON, Corporate Milestones 4-5
- City of Coquitlam, BC, Corporate Milestones 2-5, Community Milestones 2-3
- Regional District of East Kootenay, BC, Corporate Milestones 1-3, Community Milestones 1-2

UPCOMING EVENTS

PCP Webinar: COP21 and the International Local Government Climate Movement – A Briefing for Canadian Local Governments, October 21, 2015, 12:00-1:30pm ET

Quebec Air and Climate Change Symposium (To be delivered in French), October 21, 2015, Gatineau, QC

energy saving projects in a new way to create a wider culture change.



The City of Whitehorse, YT, reduced energy use and GHG emissions thanks to a newly amended building and plumbing bylaw and the implementation of a new solid waste action plan. Key lessons that helped Whitehorse achieve Milestone 5 include:

- **Engage your community with good communication.** Be specific and provide the right level of information, at the right time, when promoting programs to the community.
- **Have the right people and resources.** Ensure that you have the staff you need to do the job right.
- **Communicate with your partners.** Keep partners and stakeholders informed and engaged at all stages of a project's implementation.

Read more [Milestone 5 case studies](#) for ideas to help you reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions in your community.

National report on community energy plan policies across Canada

A new national report shows that local communities are central to enabling provincial and territorial governments to achieve their energy objectives. The report was released by the Community Energy Association, QUEST - Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow, and Sustainable Prosperity as part of the Getting to Implementation initiative. It identifies more than 640 provincial and territorial policies and programs that support the development and implementation of Community Energy Plans across Canada.

QUEST 2015: Getting Smart About Energy in Our Communities, October 26-28, 2015, Toronto, ON

2016 FCM Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show, February 9-11, 2016, Ottawa, ON

QUICK LINKS

- [Milestone Submission Checklist](#)
- [2013 National Measures Report](#)
- [PCP Milestone Tool](#)
- [Energy and Climate Resources](#)
- [Climate Change Adaptation](#)
- [Alternative Financing Mechanisms](#)
- [New GMF offer details](#)

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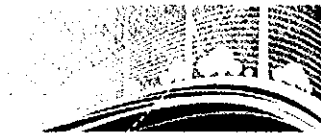
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How energy-saving projects helped @city_whitehorse reach Milestone 5 of FCM's #climatechange program. <http://bit.ly/1iKxoJ1> #CDNmuni



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[Read the report.](#)



Webinar recording: Climate action insights from small towns

This past June, PCP hosted a webinar on approaches to reaching climate protection milestones in small municipalities. The communities of Bridgewater, NS, Dorchester and Port Elgin in NB, Peterborough, ON, and St. Albert, AB, showcased the strategies they are using to advance their climate change planning. If you missed the webinar, [watch the full recording on our website.](#)



Early bird registration for FCM's 2016 Sustainable Communities Conference!

Register now and catch the early bird rate for FCM's 2016 [Sustainable Communities Conference](#)! Canada's premier municipal sustainability conference will be held in Ottawa, ON, from February 9-11, with over 35 plenaries, workshops, study tours, training sessions, networking events and more.

The [2016 program](#) focuses on innovative and emerging practices as well as proven solutions. The event brings together sustainability leaders from cities and communities across the country to share their challenges and successes, learn from each other, and collaborate to move forward on the path to sustainability. [Register today!](#)

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symposium

PCP members are invited to participate in an air and climate change conference and trade show organized by Réseau Environnement, taking place in Gatineau on October 21. Join Robin Goldstein, PCP program officer, and learn about the current tools and trends for reducing the municipal, industrial and institutional sectors' carbon footprint. [Register today](#). Note: This event will be held in French.

PCP National Measures Report to be released in February 2016

Thank you to all the municipalities who completed the online survey for the 2015 PCP National Measures Report. Stay tuned for the final report, to be launched at the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference in February 2016!

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