

FCM Develops Resources to Assist Municipalities in Providing Input into Government of Canada's Infrastructure Plan

In the 2016 federal budget, the Government of Canada introduced a plan to invest \$120 billion into infrastructure over the next ten years. The Government of Canada is **soliciting input from stakeholders and the public** on how to allocate funding for phase 2 of the plan. **Phase 1** of the plan is currently underway, and includes the creation of public transit and water/wastewater funding for municipalities.

Phase 2 is more long-term in nature, and will likely involve funding into four broad areas:

- **Communities**
- **Green infrastructure**
- **Public transit**
- **Social infrastructure**

To assist municipalities across Canada in providing input, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has introduced a **new toolkit** that can be used by municipalities to discuss the funding with their local member of parliament. The **toolkit** includes several tools such as:

- A primer on how to reach out to your MP in person, by phone or by email
- Key messages on municipal priorities to help guide your conversations
- Some handy tips on using social media to promote your meeting

The AAMDC encourages members to provide input to the Government of Canada through **formal consultation processes** such as written responses, as well as by reaching out to their local MPs by utilizing the resources developed by the FCM.

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