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## FCM's WEST Taskforce Releases New Report on Future of Western Canada

*Municipal leaders unveil bold vision for a prosperous western Canada*

The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities'](#) Western Economic Solutions Taskforce ([WEST](#)) released its [Opportunity and Prosperity: the Future of Western Canada Report](#), which highlights challenges that western communities are facing. It also presents WEST's vision on how western innovation and resourcefulness can protect and create jobs, support Canada's transition to net-zero emissions, and help drive national prosperity for decades to come. The report outlines recommendations that would have immediate and long-term impact, including:

- ◆ Establishing national utility corridors pre-approved for the development of transportation, energy, and telecommunications infrastructure.
- ◆ Improving federal impact assessments to improve municipalities' ability to participate in federal reviews, as well as increase consultation with Indigenous communities.
- ◆ Improving rail safety with increased funding to enable municipalities to comply with federal regulations.
- ◆ Supporting energy communities as part of the "just transition" to net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

RMA President Paul McLaughlin serves as co-chair of the WEST Taskforce. Please [contact President McLaughlin](#) with any questions or to discuss the report further.

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