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Municipalities have influence over roughly 50% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Canada. By adopting practices that reduce, remove or avoid GHG emissions, municipalities can improve their residents' quality of life while saving money in operating costs.

Are you looking for resources to help you reduce your municipality's GHG emissions? FCM can help. Below you'll find guides, tools, videos and more to assist your community in developing and

tracking GHG emission reduction targets and implementing local climate action plans and policies.

These tools were developed as part of our <u>Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP)</u> From 2017 to 2022, MCIP was dedicated to funding and skills training for municipalities to help overcome barriers related to climate planning and action. Through the combination of support and funding provided through MCIP, Canadian municipalities were able to achieve incredible results, including:

- 90% of participating municipalities indicated an increase in skills related to GHG reductions
- 62 municipalities made long-term GHG emissions reductions commitments through plans that will see them remove 950,306 tonnes per year
- 28 municipalities implemented capital projects and 48 conducted feasibility studies that will result in 228,205 total tonnes of expected GHG emissions reductions per year. This is equivalent to the carbon sequestered by 3,773,389 *tree seedlings grown for 10 years*.



Check out the <u>Green Municipal Fund</u> for information about ongoing training and funding related to municipal climate action.

Track your plan to reduce GHG emissions with our maturity scale

Is your municipality interested in tracking and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions? Are you already tracking your emissions but looking to improve your processes?

No matter what your community's level or size, FCM's <u>Maturity Scale for Municipal greenhouse</u> <u>gas Emissions Reduction</u> can help you reach your climate goals. This scale was developed through our Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program.

Download the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Maturity Scale.

Video series: How to get started with local climate action

Get started on climate action in your municipality. The Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program's *Climate in Focus* video series offers step-by-step guidance on how to become a leader in local climate action. The video series is divided into five parts:

- Part I: An introduction to climate action concepts
- Part II: Getting started with planning
- Part III: How collaboration leads to effective planning
- Part IV: How to set your plan in motion
- Part V: How to evaluate and evolve your plan

Watch the series of videos now.

Factsheets to help your community achieve its 2050 climate goals

Are you a municipal elected official looking to help lead your community in implementing deep carbonization initiative? Read our three factsheets to learn about how you can champion a more resilient community:

- <u>Municipal governance for deep decarbonization:</u> Introduction on how to influence your community's transition
- <u>Governance strategies for deep decarbonization</u>: How to choose the right strategies and approach for deep decarbonization
- <u>Governance components for deep decarbonization</u>: How to build a good governance structure for deep decarbonization

Tool to help municipalities tackle energy poverty

Many households, including those in your municipality, struggle to meet their home energy needs. Use the Energy Poverty and Equity Explorer to better understand the people and neighbourhoods facing this challenge. This tool, developed by FCM's partner, the Canadian Urban Sustainability Practitioners (CUSP), will help you map energy poverty in your community and develop clean energy programs to address it. Learn more about the Energy Poverty and Equity Explorer.



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