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National housing strategy: a breakthrough for our communities

This week was proof positive of the power of our united municipal voice to shape the future of this country. Even before the Prime Minister finished announcing Canada's new national housing strategy, it was clear that this plan is a direct response to FCM's recommendations.

Your cities and communities are on the front lines of Canada's housing crisis, and this strategy is the breakthrough that we've needed to start building a brighter housing future.

- **Committing to replace expiring rent subsidies is a breakthrough.** Households will no longer have to face punishing rent increases as social housing operating agreements wind down.
- **Committing significant funds to social housing repairs is a breakthrough.** This will stop people from losing their homes, and it will help to secure tomorrow's housing supply.
- **Committing to invest in new affordable housing is a breakthrough.** More than 20 years after walking away from that job, the federal government is back at the table.

For two decades, FCM has been pushing for a national housing strategy. In the 2015 federal election, this government committed to follow through. Since then, FCM has led an unprecedented advocacy campaign to shape the plan announced on Wednesday — a full court press by your elected board and FCM staff, often working with housing stakeholders across the country.

As FCM continues examining the national housing strategy, we will naturally have outstanding issues, and we'll be rolling up our sleeves to tackle them. But let's take a moment to celebrate this breakthrough for local governments and the people we serve.

Today, we are much closer to building a better Canada where every single one of us can find a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.

Read more: [FCM's public statement on the National Housing Strategy](#).