

COMMUNIQUÉ



FCM Board nominations are open

The nomination process is now open for those who wish to run for FCM's 2023-2024 Board of Directors. This member-elected body informs national policy priorities on behalf of cities and communities of all sizes, from coast to coast to coast. Board directors meet in person/hybrid three times per year, with some committee meetings in between.

This year, elections for FCM Board of Directors will take place during our Annual Conference and Trade Show, which runs from May 25-28, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario.

As always, we will work to deliver a transparent and secure process for our nearly 12,000 elected officials in member communities across the country. We want you to make your voice heard!

The nomination process

Are you interested in championing local priorities at the national level? Put yourself forward as a candidate for a one-year term in a Director position, or even as a Table Officer. Visit <u>our website</u> to find more information about the commitment these positions require, the nomination and consent forms, as well as a sample resolution (which you'll need from your member municipality or Provincial/Territorial Municipal Association).

- Table Officers' deadline for nomination forms: May 7
- Directors' deadline for consent forms: May 14

Our updated <u>Elections Procedures</u> are also available online, and you can email <u>elections@fcm.ca</u> with any questions.

The voting process

As a representative from an FCM member municipality, you're automatically registered to vote in FCM's Board of Director elections when you register for our Annual Conference. It's a straightforward way to attend the conference you love *and* participate in FCM's democratic process.

This year's elections will take place on May 27 & 28, live and in-person. Registered delegates will vote first for the Table Officers, then for provincial Board Directors. Finally, and in accordance with our bylaws, we'll invite participants to ratify the list of elected and appointed candidates during our AGM.

Who can run?

Any elected official of a member municipality in good standing is eligible to run as a candidate for either a Table Officer or a Director position. We encourage those who are deeply in touch with FCM's core issues—from affordable housing to rural economic growth, from social inclusion to climate resilience. If you're already invested in these issues in your own community, consider running so you can champion change on a national scale. We all benefit from a strong FCM Board that helps communities across Canada thrive.

FCM is committed to <u>Anti-Racism</u>, <u>equity and inclusion</u> and a safe and <u>harassment</u> free working environment.

We'll be in touch soon with more details about the election and the Annual Conference.

Until then,

The FCM Elections Team