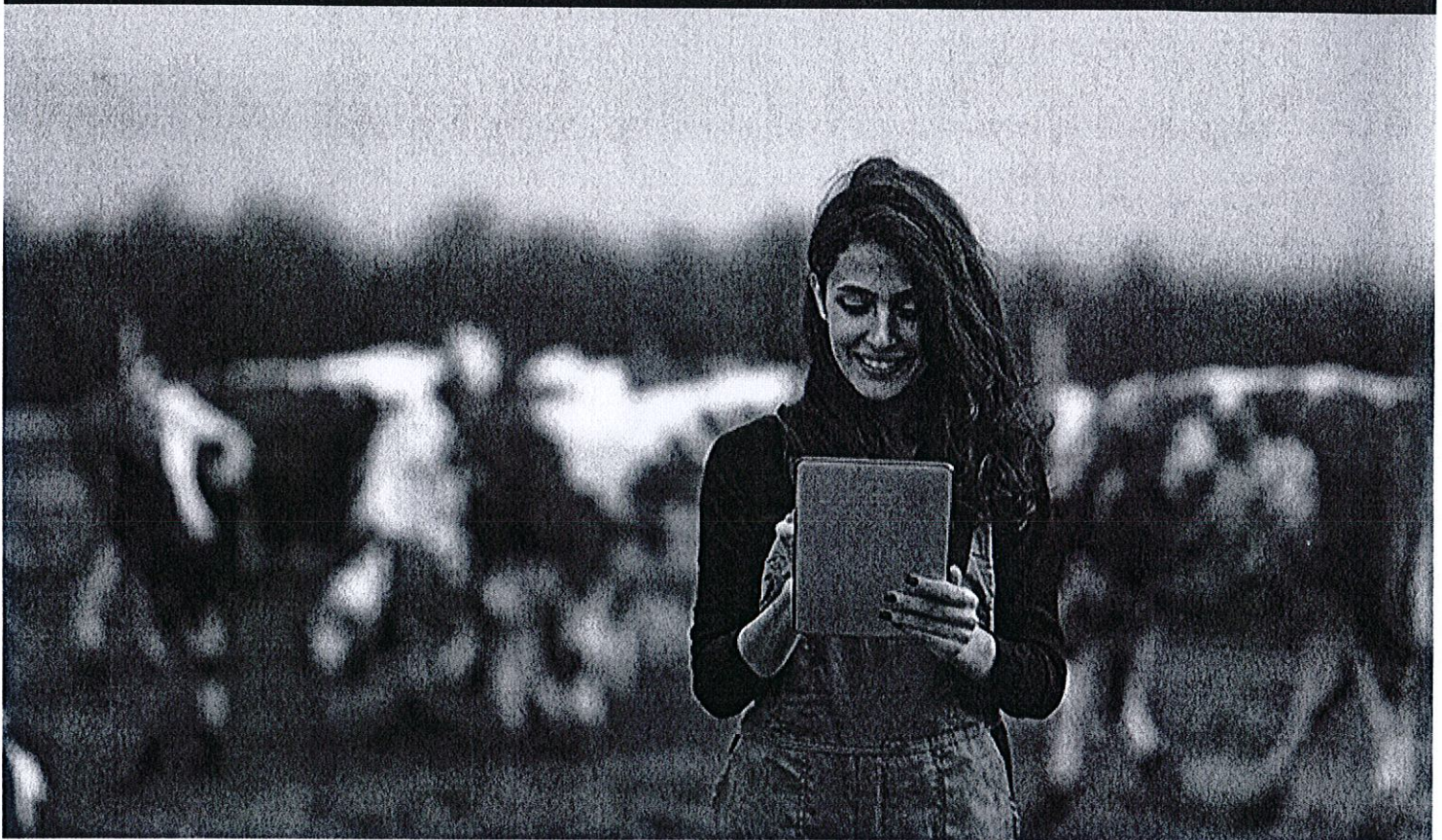


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Urgent push for #universalbroadband

With Budget 2019 set to be released in a matter of weeks, now is the crucial time to ensure MPs hear about the need for reliable Internet access in your community:

- **Meet with your MP.** Share our issue sheet, and ask for clear commitments to universal broadband in the 2019 federal budget.
- **Share our campaign on social media.** Make sure to tag Bernadette Jordan (@bernjordanmp), the Minister of Rural Economic Development, as well as your own MP.
- **Tell your story.** How is the lack of reliable Internet affecting your community? Tell us about it on Twitter and tag #universalbroadband, #cdnmuni and @FCM_online.

Let's make sure Budget 2019 sets Canada on a path to universal broadband. It's time.

► TAKE ACTION TODAY

NEWS

Call for applications: First Nation-Municipal Collaboration Program

The Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) is looking for a First Nation-municipal partnership to join the program from 2019 to 2021. CEDI supports participating communities in developing and implementing joint community economic development or land use initiatives while building a resilient, sustainable partnership. Applications open **Tuesday, February 19 at 12 p.m. ET.**

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#CDNmuni key to achieving Sustainable Development Goals

Municipalities are helping Canada meet the Sustainable Development Goals, global targets to end poverty and protect the planet. In 2018, Canada completed its first National Review highlighting actions taken across the country to create communities that meet the needs of those who live, play and work there. The report cites FCM's First Nations-municipal cooperation, Green Municipal Fund and Jordan Municipal Support initiatives as best practices. How is your municipality contributing?

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EVENTS

New energy-saving tool for municipalities

FCM and CanmetENERGY Varennes (Natural Resources Canada) are holding a webinar on **March 6 at 1 p.m. ET** to showcase how municipalities can use RETScreen Expert to identify opportunities for energy and cost savings and assess the technical and financial viability of clean energy projects. Municipal staff can obtain a free one-year subscription to RETScreen Expert (offer valid until March 31, 2019). Encourage your staff to register for the webinar today.

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FCM TWEETS

Feb 13: Reliable Internet for everyone. It's time. See how #Budget2019 could make #universalbroadband a reality, in communities of all sizes.
<https://fcm.ca> ... #cdnmuni #cdnpoli @BernJordanMP

Feb 12: Thanks to our partnership with #GoC, we are helping #CDNmuni build sustainable, inclusive and livable communities #buildingourcommunities

Feb 15: We are excited to announce @mayorjoannevdh has been elected to serve as our 3rd VP, and @TaneenRudyk to serve as our VP-at-large! Two strong voices added to FCM's leadership! #cdnmuni

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