

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM SUNDAY, JUNE 2



### President's Forum II



FCM's celebrity judges' panel named Fazil Mihlar, associate editor of The Vancouver Sun and Pierre-Gerlier Forest, President of the Trudeau Foundation winners of an entertaining debate with the Honourable Deborah Grey, and her team mate Dave Meslin, an artist and community organizer on the adequacy of the constitutional, legislative and fiscal mechanisms available to municipalities.

### President's Forum III!

Why — and how — will the thousands of men and women who lead our municipal governments profoundly shape Canada in the decades ahead?

### Justin Trudeau invites members to help shape election platform

— The Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada noted FCM's pragmatic approach to policy based on aggressive, issue-by-issue advocacy and invited local governments to participate in shaping his party's platform in preparation for the 2015 federal election. He outlined a four point plan that he believes would build a more collaborative and effective way for different orders of government to work together.



### FCM Awards of Excellence — Congratulations to the 2013 winners!

**Ann MacLean Award:** Janet McEwen, London, Ontario

**FCM Green Champion Award, municipality:** City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

**FCM Green Champion Award, individual:** Bill Lautenbach, City of Greater Sudbury

**Mike Badham Award:** Roger MacIsaac, Amherst, Nova Scotia

**Contribution to International Programs Award:** Municipality of the County of Kings, Nova Scotia, and Union of British Columbia Municipalities

**Roll of Honour Award:** Yvette Hayden, Northwest Territories, and Gordon Van Tighem, Northwest Territories.

**Elizabeth May calls for policy coordination** — The Leader of the Green Party of Canada said Canada needs to set national objectives in critical policy areas such as infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation and the environment. She said all orders of government then need to work together and complement each others' capacities to make progress. She noted that the federal government needs to recognize that "municipalities are not an interest group that is lobbying the federal government. You are government."



### Election Day!

Sunday saw democracy in action as FCM carried out the annual Election of Officers. Congratulations to all members who won their election and will be taking on new roles. Thank you to those who will continue to serve in their current roles, and to all who offered their candidacy.