



Canada united in the achievement of zero waste, now and for future generations

Update:

FCM Adopts NZWC Resolution on the Value of a Federal Tax Incentive to Prevent Food Waste

September 23, 2016

The National Zero Waste Council has developed a comprehensive [National Food Waste Reduction Strategy](#) focused on diverting nutritious food away from landfills while creating opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to foster innovation and community resiliency. An important initiative in a suite of tools in this Strategy is a federal tax incentive.

At its September 16 Board meeting, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board adopted, as policy, the value of a federal tax incentive in preventing wasted food as presented by the National Zero Waste Council. The resolution reads *"That FCM support the National Zero Waste Council's food waste reduction federal tax incentive proposal and urge the Government of Canada to implement tax incentives for food producers, suppliers and retailers to donate unsold nutritious food, thereby helping reduce food waste, lower municipal costs for waste disposal and decrease the environmental impact of food waste."*

The support of FCM, in addition to the more than 20 local governments who have also adopted a similar resolution, will strengthen our efforts in working with the federal government. So this decision is important.

The Council would like to recognize the efforts of Management Board Directors Mike Layton and Bob Long who were instrumental in securing the support of FCM as well as to the members of the Food Working Group who have focused their efforts on the tax incentive.

Next steps include working with FCM, the federal government and other key stakeholders to define the next steps to developing an effective and fair tax incentive.