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Telecommunications and rights-of-way handbook

Municipalities champion access to modern telecommunications services as a key to local and national prosperity. But working with private carriers presents complex challenges when it comes to managing rights-of-way while keeping residents safe and taxpayers protected.

To support your local efforts, we are pleased to present the second edition of FCM’s *Telecommunications and rights-of-way: A handbook for municipalities.*

This is a significant update to the handbook that FCM first released in 2009. As the telecommunications industry continues to evolve, so must our municipal toolbox.

This tool is grounded in 25 years of frontline experience. Countless municipal staff and elected officials have shared their expertise through FCM’s Technical Committee of Telecommunications and Rights-Of-Way. And by supporting the Legal Defence Fund, FCM members have empowered FCM to intervene directly in important legal cases.

Those interventions have helped set key precedents—including the principle that municipalities have the right to recover all incremental costs related to telecommunications activity on their land. These interventions also form a foundation for the guidance and insight that we are pleased to share through the handbook.

Within your municipality, we encourage you to share this tool with your engineers, technical experts and lawyers—especially those working in the areas of rights-of-way, utilities, land or transportation.

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