

# Infrastructure News

For Public Officials interested in the latest on sustainable infrastructure.

## Spending Smarter on Infrastructure

### Municipalities line up to fight protectionism

You may be forgiven if you, like millions of other Canadian business leaders, thought the infamous "Buy American" provisions of the US stimulus package were dead.

They're not... and with thousands of jobs on the line, the fight is being taken to the convention floor at the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention](#) in Whistler, British Columbia this month.

### What can you do?

Support the [Fair Trade Resolution](#), either on the floor of FCM or in your own municipality.

The resolution supports free, fair, and reciprocal trade. It simply says that Canadian municipalities are willing to make their infrastructure projects open to any country that doesn't block Canadian-made products for their projects.

Similar resolutions have already been passed or endorsed by the [Region of Halton](#), the [City of Temiskaming Shores](#), the [City of Surrey](#), and over a dozen other local governments.

### Manufacturers join in

Not to be outdone, the Canadian manufacturing community has joined in the fight against the "Buy American" provisions.



A coalition of industry, municipalities, and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters association are working "[for fair trade, not favouritism.](#)"

The group has created a website to detail their efforts - visit [www.fairtradeforcanada.ca](http://www.fairtradeforcanada.ca)

### Buy American policy unwise: U.S. Chamber



*Thomas Donohue, President of the US Chamber of Commerce, feels the provisions hurt business on both sides of the US/Canada border.*

The country's largest business organization is calling on the Obama administration to amend the damaging "Buy American" provisions. The US Chamber of Commerce has already sent a [letter asking President Obama to act quickly.](#)

The U.S. Chamber appeared on Toronto radio station 640AM (a Corus Radio Network) to explain - [hear the interview here.](#)

### Stockwell Day blasts U.S. protectionism

Federal International Trade Minister Stockwell Day has been engaged in this issue from the start. He's upset the Obama administration has broken it's word. [Story here](#), and you can watch video [here](#)...

### Will you be at FCM?

Let's talk more. I can be found at the 'Canadian Manufacturers Against Protectionism' booth (Booth #326) on the convention floor in Whistler, BC.

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