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FCM's Green Municipal Fund Commits \$1,600,000 to the City of Corner Brook for Water Meter Installation and Water Main Rehabilitation

July 16, 2008, Corner Brook, NL – Conception Bay South Mayor Woodrow French, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Honourable Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a \$1,000,000 Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant and a further \$600,000 GMF loan for the City of Corner Brook. The City is investing this funding in water meter installation and water main rehabilitation in order to reduce excess water use, cut water loss and improve water quality.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Mayor French, representing FCM. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

“Through the Green Municipal Fund, our government is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians,” said the Honourable Loyola Hearn. “Today’s announcement is another example of how the Government of Canada is helping Corner Brook build a greener future for its citizens.”

In order to achieve reductions in water consumption and loss as well as improve water quality, the City of Corner Brook will implement a municipal infrastructure investment project with two components. The first component is the installation of full commercial and industrial water metering as well as the launch of a residential water metering pilot project. These initiatives will support the existing leak management program and move the City towards universal metering. In addition, the City proposes to “loop” the dead ends in its water distribution system as well as install automatic flushing devices in order to ensure system disinfection.

“Thanks to the Green Municipal Fund the City of Corner Brook can now go after big savings in terms of cutting excess water use and water loss while making its water quality even better,” said Corner Brook Mayor Charles Pender. “The City anticipates full industrial and commercial metering could decrease water consumption by 10 per cent and full residential metering could decrease consumption by 20 to 30 per cent. This means Corner Brook would gain water loss decreases of up to 7,000 cubic meters per day. We would also pocket some great environmental benefits by reducing oversized infrastructure, energy costs, and flows to the waste water stream.”

The Government of Canada has endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with \$550 million to establish and manage the Green Municipal Fund. The Fund supports partnerships and leveraging of both public and private sector funding to reach higher standards of air, water and soil quality, and climate protection.

FCM has been the national voice of municipal governments since 1901. It fosters sustainable communities enjoying a high quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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