



NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Village of Lions Bay's Water Loss Study

Oct. 5, 2009, Lions Bay, B.C. – FCM President Basil Stewart, and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I., and John Weston, MP for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to sky Country, on behalf of the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the Village of Lions Bay, British Columbia. The Village has used the \$36,300 grant to study water loss within the Village's water mains.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said FCM President Basil Stewart, and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I. "The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable."

"Our government is helping communities reach the goal of a cleaner and healthier environment, through the Green Municipal Fund," said MP. Weston. "Today's announcement of a \$36, 300 grant to study water loss within the Village's water mains is another example of how the Government is working in partnership with FCM to help the citizens of Lions Bay build a greener future."

The Village of Lions Bay has conducted a Village-wide leakage monitoring study with the goal of identifying and repairing water main leaks. With the water loss locations identified, the Village has completed the necessary repair work and reduced treated water loss by 40 per cent.

The Village will undertake further steps to detect locations of water loss by installing a series of zone meters to measure flow between the water mains and residential dwellings. The environmental benefits resulting from the project are: reduced draw from surface water resources; reduced chlorine use for water treatment; and, reduced energy use relating to ultra-violet water treatment.

"The Green Municipal Fund is a valuable and supporting resource for the Village of Lions Bay as it continues to focus on the sustainability of the water supply for the community," said Village of Lions Bay Mayor, Brenda Broughton. "The water loss study provides the municipal team with a thorough understanding of areas to be addressed in the near-term, and helps to direct the Village's efforts to ensure the continued sustainability of our water system in the long-term."

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. 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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