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FCM's Green Municipal Fund Supports Four Sustainability Projects in the City of Yellowknife

April 17, 2009, Yellowknife, NT – Yellowknife city councillor Mark Heyck, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund and Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Chuck Strahl, representing the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today \$622, 500 in Green Municipal Fund (GMF) funding for the City of Yellowknife. The City is using the funding for four projects: to develop the Yellowknife Smart Growth Development Plan, to conduct a feasibility study to determine how to improve the way the City currently collects recyclables, a sewage lagoon planning study and a feasibility study on using an abandoned mine to produce geothermal energy for space heating in a community energy system.

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

"Our government is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund," said Minister Strahl. "Today's announcement is another example of how the Government of Canada – in partnership with the FCM – is helping Yellowknife build a greener future for its citizens."

"Our ongoing relationship with FCM's Green Municipal Fund has allowed Yellowknife to be selected as Canada's most sustainable small city for the second consecutive year," said Yellowknife Mayor Gordon Van Tighem. "The funding announced today will ensure we remain sustainable and responsible to our residents."

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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