

Toronto to host Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) first ever Municipal Awards of Excellence

Awards for Sustainability and Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution unveiled

Toronto, May 30, 2010 – Canada's largest city is hosting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) first ever Awards of Excellence as municipal representatives from across Canada converge on Toronto this week for FCM's 73rd Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™.

This year, 22 municipalities and individuals are being honoured in four different award streams which range from innovation in sustainable practices to involvement in international municipal cooperation.

Today, FCM announced the winners of its newly created Awards for Sustainability and the Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution. FCM's Sustainable Community Awards and the newly created Watershed Awards were presented Saturday.

The individual winner for FCM's Award for Sustainability is Mark Brostrom from Edmonton, Alta. The municipal winner is the City of Toronto, Ont.

Michele Peach, director of corporate services and city treasurer in Mount Pearl, Nfld., received the Mike Badham Award for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution, while the Corporation of the City of Windsor, Ont., received the FCM Award for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution in the Institution category.

The 2010 National Watershed Award winner is the City of Edmonton, Alta., Lendrum Stormwater Management Dual-use Dry Pond.

See backgrounder for details about the award recipients.

"We have introduced these awards because there are great things being done in municipalities across Canada," said FCM president Basil Stewart, mayor of Summerside, P.E.I. "We believe FCM should be recognizing and celebrating that excellence, and we believe that identifying best practices will help all of us learn from the successes of others."

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The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government since 1901. With 1,796 members, FCM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. Members

include Canada's largest cities, small urban and rural communities, and 18 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

2010 FCM Awards of Excellence presented Sunday, May 30, 2010

FCM Awards for Sustainability

Individual

- Mark Brostrom, City of Edmonton, Alta.

Municipality

- City of Toronto, Ont.

FCM Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution

Individual

The Mike Badham Award for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution

- Michele Peach, director of corporate services and city treasurer in Mount Pearl, Nfld.

Institution

- Corporation of the City of Windsor, Ont., Partnership with the City of Olongapo, Philippines, on land use planning and watershed management

2010 Watershed Award

National Winner

City of Edmonton, Alta., Lendrum Stormwater Management Dual-use Dry Pond