

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

*Sustainable Community Awards and Watershed Awards unveiled today*

**Toronto, May 29, 2010** – Canada's largest city will host the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) first-ever Awards of Excellence when municipal representatives from across Canada converge on Toronto for FCM's 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ from May 28 to 31, 2010.

"Our new Awards of Excellence will spotlight municipal achievement in a range of areas," said FCM president Basil Stewart, mayor of Summerside, P.E.I. "They demonstrate once again that municipal governments in Canada are leading the way and delivering on-the-ground solutions to the challenges we all face."

This year, 22 municipalities and individuals will be honoured in four different award categories which range from innovation in sustainable practices to involvement in international municipal cooperation. The awards are scheduled to be presented in two separate ceremonies, on May 29 and May 30, during FCM's four-day annual conference in Toronto.

Tonight, FCM presented its Sustainable Community Awards and the newly created Watershed Awards.

The winners of the 2010 FCM Sustainable Community Awards are:

- Brownfields: the City of Toronto, Ont.
- Buildings: the City of Campbell River, B.C., and the Town of Newmarket, Ont.
- Energy: the City of Toronto and the Town of Cobourg, Ont.
- Planning: the City of Williams Lake, B.C.
- Residential Development: the City of Kelowna, B.C.;
- Transportation: the County of Haliburton, Ont., the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (Gatineau) and Société de transport de Montréal, Qué.
- Waste: the Regional Municipality of York, Ont.
- Water: the City of Edmonton, Alta.

The Watershed Awards were created earlier this year by the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and FCM and are awarded to Canadian municipalities that have demonstrated leadership in their efforts to adapt to climate change by reducing their vulnerability to flooding and water damage.

The national winner of the 2010 Watershed Award is the City of Edmonton, Alta. The regional winners are:

- British Columbia: the District of Central Saanich, B.C.
- Prairies and North: the City of Saskatoon, Sask.
- Ontario: the Town of Richmond Hill and the City of Toronto, Ont.
- Québec: Ville de Saint-Jérôme
- Atlantic Canada: the Towns of Appleton and Glenwood, Nfld.

See backgrounder for project descriptions of all award winners.

On Sunday, May 30, FCM will announce the winners of its newly created national Awards for Sustainability and the Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution.

“The expansion and diversity of municipal activities in recent years are reflected in the greater number of awards that we are now presenting,” said President Stewart. “We feel it is appropriate to present all municipal-related awards at the same time and on the same occasion.”

Councillor Karen Leibovici, of Edmonton, Alta., who is FCM’s third vice-president and chair of FCM’s Green Municipal Fund Council, says recognizing members with awards shows appreciation for their hard work and initiatives.

“Municipal government is the order of government that is closest to citizens and they are the ones who can most easily engage households and businesses,” she said. “People are acting locally to improve the quality of life for all. These awards are as much about the people in the communities as the project and activities themselves.”

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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.

**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

**2010 FCM Awards of Excellence Winners**

**2010 FCM Sustainable Community Awards**

*Brownfields*

- City of Toronto, Ont., Adaptive Reuse of the Industrial Heritage Wychwood Car Barns

*Buildings*

- City of Campbell River, B.C., Green Roof Retrofit for City Hall
- Town of Newmarket, Ont., Newmarket Eco-Homes: Canada's First Occupied Neighbourhood of LEED® Platinum Homes

*Energy*

- City of Toronto, Ont. Regent Park Revitalization (Phase 1)
- Town of Cobourg, Ont., Streetlight Renewal

*Planning*

- City of Williams Lake, B.C., Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Framework

*Residential Development*

- City of Kelowna, B.C., Zoning for Housing

*Transportation*

- County of Haliburton, Ont., Building Capacity for Active Transportation in Haliburton County
- Société de transport de l'Outaouais and Société de transport de Montréal, Qué., STO/STM Green Line and Urban Transportation Showcase Program

*Waste*

- Regional Municipality of York, Ont., McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre

*Water*

- City of Edmonton, Alta., Kennedale End-of-Pipe Constructed Wetland

**2010 Watershed Awards**

*National Winner*

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

*British Columbia*

- District of Central Saanich, B.C., Integrated Stormwater Management Plan

*Prairies and North*

- City of Saskatoon, Sask., Wastewater Detention Superpipes

*Ontario*

- Town of Richmond Hill, Ont., Pioneer Park Stormwater Management Rehabilitation Project
- City of Toronto, Ont., Basement Flooding Protection Program

*Québec*

- Ville de Saint-Jérôme, Qué., Bassin de rétention du parc Schulz

*Atlantic Canada*

- Towns of Appleton and Glenwood, Nfld., Engineered Wetland Sewage Treatment System