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FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Grande Prairie's 102nd Street Revitalization Plan

February 22, 2010, Grande Prairie, Alta. – Basil Stewart, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I., and Chris Warkentin, member of Parliament for Peace River, today announced a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the City of Grande Prairie. The City will use the \$38,500 in funding to undertake a feasibility study for the 102nd Street Revitalization Plan.

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

"The Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund," said Warkentin. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government—in partnership with FCM—is helping Grande Prairie build a greener future for our citizens."

The purpose of the study is to explore opportunities to transform 102nd Street, between 102 and 108 avenues, from its current form into a complete street—a roadway designed with all users in mind, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit users and individuals with various abilities.

The current roadway is primarily motorist focused and does not accommodate other uses adequately. Elements such as wider sidewalks, street furniture, enhanced pedestrian crossings and tree planting will be explored.

The transformation of this roadway into a complete street will help achieve the vision of 102nd Street as a future mixed-use corridor where commercial and high-density residential uses co-exist.

"The City of Grande Prairie appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable initiative," said Grande Prairie mayor Dwight Logan. "As our community continues to grow, it is important that we develop features of a modern urban centre, and this opportunity to explore the possibilities is exciting."

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by FCM. 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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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