

MEDIA ADVISORY

Federation of Canadian Municipalities honours municipal and individual excellence at its 73rd Annual Conference in Toronto

OTTAWA, Ont., May 27, 2010 – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) will recognize Canadian municipal expertise during the *FCM Awards of Excellence* to be presented on Saturday, May 29, and on Sunday, May 30, at its 73rd Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ in Toronto, Ont.

On **Saturday, May 29**, the *FCM Awards of Excellence in Sustainability* will be presented. The FCM Sustainable Community Award winners will be announced in eight categories. Also awarded this year will be the newly launched annual Watershed Awards which will be presented by the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and FCM to Canadian municipalities that have demonstrated leadership in their efforts to adapt to climate change by reducing their vulnerability to flooding and water damage. Winning entries selected from each of five regions — British Columbia, the Prairies and the North, Ontario, Québec and Atlantic Canada — as well as a national winner will be introduced by FCM President Basil Stewart and IBC President & CEO Don Forgeron.

- WHAT:** FCM Awards of Excellence for Sustainability
(presenting the FCM Sustainable Community Awards and the inaugural Watershed Awards)
- WHEN:** Saturday, May 29
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- WHO:** FCM President Basil Stewart, FCM Third Vice-President Karen Leibovici and IBC President & CEO Don Forgeron to address participants during the ceremony
- WHERE:** Grand Ballroom East
Sheraton Centre
Toronto, Ont.

Award winners will be available following the ceremony.

On **Sunday, May 30**, at a special gala evening hosted by the City of Toronto, FCM President Basil Stewart, IBC Director of Research Robert Tremblay, FCM Third Vice-President Karen Leibovici, Councillor Marvin Hunt, and FCM CEO Brock Carlton will announce the 2010 winners of the FCM Awards for Outstanding International Volunteer Contribution, along with the newly created FCM Individual Award for Sustainability, the FCM Municipal Award for Sustainability, and the national Watershed Award.

Since 2001, FCM has recognized the outstanding contribution to international cooperation made by Canadian municipalities and municipal volunteers to its international programming. The individual and municipal awards for sustainability were created this year to promote and reward municipal champions, inspire municipal governments to commit to further action, and showcase and encourage the exchange of best practices among Canadian communities.

- WHAT:** City of Toronto Gala Dinner
(presenting the FCM Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Contribution, the FCM Individual Award for Sustainability, the FCM Municipal Award for Sustainability and the National Watershed Award)
- WHEN:** Sunday, May 30

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

WHO: FCM President Basil Stewart, GMF Council Chair Karen Leibovici, FCM Standing Committee on International Relations Chair Marvin Hunt, IBC Director of Research Robert Tremblay, and FCM CEO Brock Carlton to address participants during FCM Awards of Excellence gala

WHERE: Ballroom
Allstream Centre
Exhibition Place
105 Princes' Blvd.
Toronto, Ont.

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