



## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Village of Memramcook's project to improve water quality and reduce private water well dependency**

**April 16, 2010, Memramcook, N.B.** – Basil Stewart, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I., and the Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) and member of Parliament for Fundy Royal (N.B.), today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant and loan contributions for the Village of Memramcook. The village is investing the \$397,920 in funding to improve water quality and reduce private water well dependency.

"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 Moore. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping the village of Memramcook build a greener future for our citizens."

Memramcook has implemented a municipal water system to improve water quality and reduce water consumption from private water wells by 12.5 per cent. This new system has replaced a single drinking water system that served less than 25 per cent of the population and could not supply sufficient water to extend the distribution system.

Under the previous system, water quality in some wells did not meet the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality*. As a result, the municipality set up a system to protect the watershed and well water. In addition, Memramcook has implemented a public education program to reduce the current water consumption of 0.45 cubic metres per resident per day. This project is an integral part of the village's Sustainable Development Plan.

"Thanks to GMF financial support for our project, our village is winning on three different fronts," said Mayor Donald O. LeBlanc. "Memramcook now has a safe and secure potable water supply that is available to all of its citizens. The project's public education program will help ensure the village develops in a fashion that is sustainable and environmentally sound. Finally, given Memramcook's proximity to Moncton, a reliable and safe water supply will stimulate residential and commercial development."

The total project cost of \$497,400 includes the village's share of \$99,840, a GMF grant of \$248,700 and a \$149,220 loan that the municipality will repay to GMF.

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by FCM. The Fund supports partnerships and the 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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