



NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Moncton's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

July 7, 2010, Moncton, N.B. – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, B.C., and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the City of Moncton. The city will use the \$46,750 in funding to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) through public consultations, study and assessment to identify an overarching vision and action plan that incorporates environmental, social and economic goals at both the municipal corporate operations level and the community level.

“FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Cunningham. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports 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 Minister Paradis. “Today's announcement is another example of how the government – in partnership with the FCM – is helping Moncton build a greener future for its citizens.”

Goals and targets will be set for energy, water, wastewater, transportation, brownfields, ecological infrastructure, heritage management and land use planning. The framework will include implementation and monitoring plans; tools that could be replicated by other municipalities. In order to measure short-, medium- and long-term sustainability targets, the city will establish baseline data for corporate greenhouse gas emissions, average per capita water and energy consumption and waste generation, and will ask the public to help prioritize goals and targets.

It will also review current land use activities, policies and restrictions, and inventory brownfield properties. When the plan is implemented, all city departments will be allocated tasks and follow-up activities on which they will be required to report. The city will work with local universities and subject matter experts to ensure the inclusion of current environmental issues (such as climate change) and the most up-to-date and innovative approaches.

“The City of Moncton appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable initiative,” said Mayor George LeBlanc. “This funding will be very useful in the development of our Green Plan and we are confident that it will help us be more efficient and successful in reaching our environmental, social as well as economic goals. We're one step closer to building a greener future for Moncton citizens.”

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with \$550 million to establish the Green Municipal Fund™. 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 sustainable communities enjoying a high quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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