

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Sorel-Tracy's feasibility study to improve municipal building energy efficiency**

**June 4, 2010, Sorel-Tracy, Que.** – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay (B.C.), and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources and member of Parliament for Mégantic–L'Érable, today announced a Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant to the City of Sorel-Tracy. The city invested the \$88,277 in funding to study how to improve municipal building energy efficiency.

“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 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 Paradis. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping the City of Sorel-Tracy build a greener future for our citizens.”

In 2008–2009, Sorel-Tracy conducted a study of 15 of its largest energy consuming municipal buildings in order to improve their energy efficiency and thereby reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The study classified the buildings according to their level of energy consumption, energy sources, greenhouse gas emission levels, and physical characteristics; as well as the state and quality of their heating, air conditioning and water usage systems. Based on this information, the study identified scenarios to modify existing building equipment or to replace this equipment with newer, more efficient technologies. Ultimately, these scenarios have allowed the city to prioritize the sequence and the nature of measures it has taken to date to increase municipal building energy efficiency so as to maximize environmental benefits and reduce energy consumption costs.

“Sorel-Tracy thanks the GMF for providing financial support for the feasibility study,” said Mayor Réjean Dauplaise. “As a result of this study, the city has embarked on its current process to improve municipal building energy efficiency by allocating more than \$1.5 million in 2010 towards this goal. This helps make a cleaner environment for all residents to enjoy. It also demonstrates the city's leadership in the pursuit of sustainable development at the local level, as defined in its sustainable development plan as well as in its Action 21 plan.”

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.

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