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FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Village of St. Louis Wastewater/Lagoon Project

May 21, 2010, Village of St. Louis, Sask. – Bev Dubois, member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Board of Directors and councillor for the City of Saskatoon, Sask., and Brad Trost, member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) loan and grant contributions for the Village of St. Louis. The Village put the \$906,400 in funding toward its Wastewater/Lagoon Project.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said Dubois. "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 Mr. Trost. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping the Village of St. Louis build a greener future for our citizens."

The village will construct new municipal wastewater infrastructure that helps reduce the negative impact of wastewater effluent on human health and the environment.

This involves a complete change to the sewage treatment and collection system for the village which involves the design, construction and installation of a sewage treatment lagoon, the installation of new pipes (force mains) to carry wastewater downstream from the discharge point, and the building of two sewage pumping stations.

The new sewage treatment system will improve the quality of the wastewater flowing back into the environment by 67 to 77 per cent; an outcome that has a positive impact on the environment and human health. In addition, it will be able to support long-term growth and residential development. This will ultimately increase the tax base and strengthen the vitality of the community.

"For a community of our size, securing the financial resources necessary to complete a project of this magnitude would have been a very costly, challenging and daunting task. Now with the assistance of the Green Municipal Fund along with the support of our other political partners, we are able push ahead and keep going forward with this massive project," said St. Louis Mayor Les Rancourt, "with this development and expansion project our village can operate a compliant wastewater system that is expandable and able to meet further potential growth while providing future sustainability for our community."

This project is an exciting example of how funding from GMF can be stacked against funding from other programs — in this case, the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component — to improve municipal infrastructure.

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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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