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FCM'S GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND SUPPORTS THE MRC DE LA HAUTE-YAMASKA'S PROJECT TO PUT TWO ECOCENTRES INTO SERVICE

August 22, 2011, RCM of La Haute-Yamaska, Que. – Edgar Rouleau, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board member and mayor of the City of Dorval, Que., today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) loan and grant contributions for the Regional County Municipality (RCM) of La Haute-Yamaska. The RCM put the \$2,644,226 in funding toward implementing two ecocentres, one in Granby and another in Waterloo, where residents can divert residual waste materials from landfill.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Mayor Rouleau. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

In accordance with the RCM's waste management plan (PGMR) and in response to residents, the project to implement two ecocentres is an essential step toward reaching the municipality's sustainable development objectives. The ecocentres are expected to increase waste diversion to 50 per cent; an increase of 20 per cent over previous levels.

Based on voluntary participation, the ecocentres provide residents with a place to deposit waste that cannot be disposed of with household waste or recycled for either reuse or safe. The ecocentres serve as collection centres for hazardous materials (paint, solvents, oil, fluorescent tubes, CFLs, pesticides, batteries, aerosols, propane tanks, etc.); construction, demolition and renovation waste (wood, metal, bricks, cement, gypsum, etc.); computers and other electronics (computers, ink cartridges, television sets, VCR recorders, etc.); textiles, cardboard and large metal objects; appliances containing halocarbons (refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners); large non-reusable objects, tires, uncontaminated soil, compostable organic waste, tree trunks and branches under 1.5 metres, and Christmas trees.

Service is free-of-charge for residents upon presentation of a recent and valid photo ID card and proof of residence within the RCM. At present, the service is not available to non-residents or to businesses.

“The financial support granted by the FCM means the RCM can now benefit from two optimal ecocentres,” said Mr. Pascal Russell, prefect for the RCM. “The implementation of this infrastructure is a recent addition to a series of concrete measures to which the RCM is committed within the context of its waste management plan (PGMR). In addition to increasing the efficiency of RCM development, these ecocentres will make it possible to divert waste that would jeopardize the standard of living we want to achieve.”

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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