

## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Municipality of Lambton Shores' Legacy Recreation Centre**

**January 24, 2011, Lambton Shores, Ont.** – Percy Hatfield, member of the national board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and councillor for the City of Windsor, and Bev Shipley, member of Parliament for Lambton—Kent—Middlesex, today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) loan and grant contributions for the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The township put the \$964,231 in funding toward the revitalization of the existing Thedford Bosanquet Community Centre into the Legacy Recreation Centre (LRC).

“FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Hatfield. “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. Shipley. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping Lambton Shores build a greener future for our citizens.”

The Municipality of Lambton Shores is adding a community centre, kitchen, library, and daycare centre to the existing arena in Thedford, Ontario. The LRC will meet the LEED Silver standard for energy efficiency, and the site design and construction practices will minimize impacts on the local environment.

Thedford is populated by a mix of long-term residents and young families and is 70 km from Sarnia. Thedford has in recent years suffered the loss of its grain mill and two lumber mills, as well as the closure of the Camp Ipperwash Army Base and Ipperwash Provincial Park. The current building is the municipality's largest user of energy and water.

Reaching LEED Silver certification should exceed the requirements of the Model National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings by 46%, providing annual operational savings of approximately \$20,000 and a substantial carbon offset. Key design features include high-efficiency upgrades for the ice rink; heat reclamation; low-flow plumbing; high-efficiency HVAC and lighting controls; EnergyStar-rated commercial kitchen equipment; and solar electric panels. An extensive verification program will make it easier to monitor and further improve energy performance after the revitalization is complete.

The LRC is seen as part of a renaissance strategy for the village. It will draw visitors to the community for tournaments, weddings, trade shows, and other events at the multi-use facility. Parts of the existing building will be included in a renewed facility with an exceptional level of energy and environmental performance. The expansion involves the addition of a community centre, kitchen, library and daycare centre to the existing arena.

In addition to its critical role in the economic resurgence of the community, the facility will bring Lambton Shores residents together and provide social and recreational activities for young and old. The barrier-free facility will also serve as a location for public meetings and as an emergency evacuation centre.

To assist other municipalities considering similar projects, Lambton Shores will provide a case study on its website. In the LRC itself, interactive displays and informational handouts on its “green” features will be available. Staff will always be available to provide guided tours.

“Lambton Shores appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable initiative,” said Mayor Bill Weber. “We are thrilled with the support from the Federal Government on this important project for the Thedford Community. Preserving and improving this key community asset is important to maintaining the quality of life in the community. The energy efficient and environmentally friendly design will mean lower operating costs and will be a ‘showcase’ facility to draw people to the community. It is much appreciated.”

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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