



## NEWS RELEASE

### **CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM TO RECEIVE \$25,000 FROM THE GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND FOR AN ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY AND ACTION PLAN**

**October 2, 2006, Port Coquitlam, BC** – City of Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Board of Directors, and James Moore, MP (Port Moody–Westwood–Port Coquitlam), representing the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, announced today a \$25,000 Green Municipal Fund grant to help the City of Port Coquitlam complete the first three milestones of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program.

"The Green Municipal Fund supports projects that maximize environmental, social and economic progress at the local level," said Mayor Corrigan. "The local action plan for municipal operations and the community-at-large will address a wide variety of issues such as land use planning, procurement, building retrofits, decisions regarding solid waste management, and water conservation."

"Through the Green Municipal Fund, Canada's new government is demonstrating its commitment to clean air, clean water, clean land, and clean energy. This government is also showing its dedication to combining community support with stronger accountability and transparency practices," said James Moore, MP. "Investments based on the Fund's feasibility studies, field tests and pilot projects allow project partners to be confident that taxpayers' dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively."

The Government of Canada has endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with \$550 million to establish and manage 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.

"With the help of the Green Municipal Fund, we will be able to create a corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a local action plan to reduce emissions," said Mayor Scott Young, City of Port Coquitlam. "We estimate corporate greenhouse gas reductions of 1,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) and community greenhouse gas reductions of 17,400 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e."

The City of Port Coquitlam has been a member of PCP since 2001. PCP is a network of 137 Canadian municipal governments who have committed to reduce greenhouse gases and act on climate change. It is the Canadian component of the Cities for Climate Protection network of more than 600 communities worldwide. Internationally, the network is managed by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). In Canada, PCP is delivered by FCM in partnership with ICLEI.

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