



NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Corner Brook's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

August 3, 2010, Corner Brook, N.L. – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, B.C., and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources, today announced a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the City of Corner Brook. The city has invested the \$46,750 in funding to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) designed to incorporate the city's vision, goals, strategies and targets into all facets of its regulatory framework and four service delivery areas.

"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 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 Minister Paradis. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with the FCM — is helping Corner Brook build a greener future for our citizens."

The process has involved reviewing existing documents, regulations and best practices; engaging citizens in a visioning exercise; setting and prioritizing goals and actions; and using an adaptive management framework to identify a feasible implementation plan before seeking council approval.

The plan explores and creates opportunities for improving energy usage, conserving water, improving solid waste management and recycling, helping mitigate the impacts of climate change, incorporating Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification into new capital works projects and municipal buildings, exploring options for brownfield redevelopment and redeveloping underutilized commercial areas.

Because its location is characterized by a unique waterside "bowl" in the midst of a Model Sustainable Forest, Corner Brook has an opportunity through this plan to create innovative land management practices, to build upon local partnerships and to highlight community-based examples of innovation in environmental stewardship.

Corner Brook's ICSP is of particular interest to other small cities in coastal locations, particularly those that serve as regional centres for surrounding communities.

"The City of Corner Brook appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable initiative," said Mayor Neville Greeley. "The ICSP will help Corner Brook to develop on the socio-economic and environmental fronts in a fashion that is sensible to ensure our way of life now and in the future. Everyone benefits from that."

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 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 sustainable communities enjoying a high quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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