



NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund Supports the Town of Saint-Quentin's Sustainable Community Plan

June 11, 2009, Saint-Quentin, N.B. – Jean Perrault, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of Sherbrooke, Que. and the Honourable Gregory Francis Thompson, MP for New Brunswick Southwest and Minister of Veterans Affairs, on behalf of the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the Town of Saint-Quentin, New Brunswick. The Town has used the \$36,000 grant to develop a community-wide sustainability plan.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said Jean Perrault, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of Sherbrooke, Que. "The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable."

"Our government 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 Thompson. "Today's announcement is another example of how the Government of Canada – in partnership with the FCM – is helping Saint-Quentin build a greener future for our citizens."

The goal of the Town of Saint-Quentin sustainable community plan is to ensure a sustainable economic and social environment within the community by minimizing the environmental impact of the Town's municipal operations. The plan provides the framework for the Town to direct its sustainability measures in key areas of: water conservation and water quality; air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; energy consumption; waste management and diversion; and, sustainable transportation.

The plan also presents recommendations for community involvement, and the development of a communications strategy to support the specific actions the Town undertakes. The Town will focus initially on three of the plan's recommended areas during the first year of implementation: improving green spaces and urban forests within the municipality; improving energy efficiency in municipal operations; and, initiating a waste management plan that facilitates greater recycling and organic waste composting.

"The Green Municipal Fund has been instrumental in enabling the Town of Saint-Quentin to articulate our vision of sustainability in a small community," said Town of Saint-Quentin Mayor, Robert Beaulieu. "The new sustainable community plan provides the framework to improve the Town's natural assets, such as our urban forests, lakes and parkland, and to develop programs that address how municipal operations and citizen actions can reduce our Town's environmental impact."

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. 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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