

NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Fort Saskatchewan's Municipal Sustainability Plan and Municipal Development Plan

August 3, 2010, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, B.C., and Tim Uppal, member of Parliament for Edmonton–Sherwood Park, today announced a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the City of Fort Saskatchewan. The city has invested the \$150,150 in funding to develop a community 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 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 Mr. Uppal. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with the FCM — is helping Fort Saskatchewan build a greener future for our citizens.”

The creation of a high level strategic planning document focusing on the community's sustainable future was identified as a great foundation to build towards this strategic goal. The Community Sustainability Plan is now the foundation for City of Fort Saskatchewan's strategic planning that directs corporate action into the future. All other municipal plans must conform to the economic, environmental and social factors, infrastructure and governance goals within it.

To create the plan, a four phase strategic planning process was utilized. Phase 1 included extensive community participation and input to create the Community Sustainability Plan vision and priority areas. Phases 2 and 3 were completed using staff from various departments in multiple workshop settings. Phase 4 produced targets for the goals and provided validation of the work completed with staff and community members.

“The City of Fort Saskatchewan appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable community initiative,” said Mayor Jim Sheasgreen. “This funding has proven to be very useful in the creation of criteria to guide future development planning and we are confident that it will help us be more efficient and successful in reaching our environmental, social as well as economic goals. We're one step closer to building a greener future for Fort Saskatchewan citizens.”

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 sustainable communities enjoying a high quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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