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FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports Quinte Conservation's green hydropower project feasibility study

February 17, 2010, Belleville, Ont.—Basil Stewart, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I., and Daryl Kramp, member of Parliament for Prince Edward–Hastings, today announced a Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant for Quinte Conservation. The conservation authority has used the \$75,000 grant to study the feasibility of generating hydroelectric power from the Lott, McLeod and Holgate dams on the Moira River in Belleville.

“FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Stewart. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund support 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 Kramp. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government—in partnership with FCM—is helping Quinte Conservation build a greener future for our citizens.”

The Lott, McLeod and Holgate dams' primary function is to provide ice and flood control. The feasibility study found these dams could be retrofitted to generate hydroelectric power as a secondary function. As a result, Quinte Conservation—generously supported by donations from the Parrott Foundation, Black Bear Ridge Golf Course, the EJLB Foundation and others—completed the McLeod Dam Green Energy Project. Officially opened on May 8, 2009, this project is reducing demand for energy supplied by coal- and gas-powered generating stations that emit carbon into the atmosphere.

“Now that the McLeod Dam Green Energy Project is operational, the equivalent of 5,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide a year is being eliminated from our air, as it generates enough electricity to meet the equivalent annual energy needs of 400 homes,” said Quinte Conservation general manager Terry Murphy.

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by FCM. The Fund supports partnerships and the 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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective and accountable municipal government.

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