



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Town of Greater Napanee's development of a Waste Management Plan**

**February 10, 2011, Napanee, Ont.** – 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 contribution for the Town of Greater Napanee. The town put the \$86,100 in funding toward a waste disposal plan and waste diversion strategy.

“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 FCM — is helping Napanee build a greener future for our citizens.”

Napanee is developing a waste diversion and disposal strategy and implementation plan to reduce its reliance on a landfill it does not own, and which Ontario's Ministry of Environment says is at capacity. Community-focused sustainable waste management practices may be the only alternative to landfill expansion. The goal of the plan is to increase the town's waste diversion rate to at least 60 per cent, and to responsibly manage the remaining waste.

The waste management plan builds on a waste management services audit completed in 2007. Based on the audit, a number of waste management objectives such as increased public participation, waste minimization and reuse will be targeted through public education and outreach, enhanced blue box recycling, an in-house organic composting system field test, and energy production. Program-specific evaluation criteria will be jointly developed by the town, its Waste Management Committee, the project consultant and the community at large.

The plan will re-engage the public through promotion and educational outreach. This community education component will significantly aid in waste diversion and will be the foundation for the development of a broader sustainable community plan.

“Greater Napanee appreciates the support of FCM's Green Municipal Fund to identify sustainable solutions for dealing with waste issues within our community,” said Mayor Gordon Schermerhorn. “Without the support of FCM, we would not have been able to complete a comprehensive plan and facilitate a pilot program, to prove the effectiveness of a local green bin organics program.”

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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.*

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