

Partners for Climate Protection

*Helping municipal governments reduce greenhouse gases
and advance sustainable community development*



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The Role of Municipal Governments in Climate Protection

Municipal governments have an important contribution to make to climate protection. Up to half of Canada's greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions (350 million tonnes) are under the direct or indirect control or influence of municipal governments. By 2012, communities could cut GHG emissions by 20 to 50 Mt from municipal operations and community-wide initiatives with investments in environmental infrastructure and sustainable transportation infrastructure.

Municipal governments can reduce emissions through:

- land-use, energy and transportation planning;
- infrastructure design;
- green procurement;
- building retrofits;
- water conservation;
- solid waste diversion; and
- renewable energy.

- ◆ *Save money*
- ◆ *Develop a sustainable community*
- ◆ *Slow climate change*
- ◆ *Prepare for the carbon trading future*

PCP Offers:

- A five-milestone framework—a proven municipal strategy
- FCM staff support—access to resources and information
- Resources—case studies, templates and newsletters
- Networking—sharing experience with more than 100 communities participating in PCP and with an international network of local governments

Communities are engaged

The Town of Okotoks, Alberta, an active participant in PCP, has received funding from the Green Municipal Funds, and is a winner of the 2000 FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards.

“Sustainable development has become central to our corporate life, as opposed to being seen as a specific and isolated initiative. Sustainable Okotoks is now our “raison d’être”—a guiding light for all facets of the organization and its relationship with the community and external partners.”

Will Pearce, Municipal Manager,
Town of Okotoks



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The Five Steps to Participation

Participate Today

More than 100 municipal governments, representing approximately 50 per cent of Canada's population, are participating in PCP. *A Council resolution is all it takes to start your greenhouse gas reduction program!*

PCP is one of several service offerings housed in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Centre for Sustainable Community Development.

The Centre's vision is a future where Canadian communities provide a high quality of life while minimizing their ecological footprint. The Centre offers Canada's municipal governments comprehensive technical and financial services, including the \$250-million Green Municipal Funds, and tools and resources to improve quality of life through sustainable community development.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government since 1901 and represents a membership of more than 1,000 municipalities. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life in communities by promoting strong, effective and accountable municipal government.

Sponsors and Partners

PCP is a partnership between FCM and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

PCP receives financial support from the Government of Canada through the Climate Change Action Fund (CCAF).

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Step one

Contact FCM for your PCP orientation package.

Step two

Visit our Web site (www.fcm.ca) to download a sample Council resolution to participate in PCP or contact FCM.

Step three

Appoint a staff liaison to be the main contact with FCM.

Step four

Fax or mail your adopted Council resolution, along with the staff liaison's contact information, to FCM.

Step five

FCM will send you an information package along with a list of resources and the PCP Milestone Framework.

A PCP Champion...

The City of Ottawa is one of the first communities to have completed all five PCP Milestones. In doing so, it has decreased the amount of energy it consumes in city buildings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 22 per cent and energy bills by \$1 million per year, every year.

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PCP Information Request • Fax Back Form

For more information on PCP and other FCM resources, please check any of the financial services, tools or publications listed below and return via fax to:

(613) 244-1515

Financial Services:

- Green Municipal Funds
- Affordability and Choice Today (ACT)

Tools:

- Access to the Sustainable Communities Knowledge Network
- FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards
- Community Energy Planning Mission
- Local Action Planning template
- Model Resolutions: model council resolution and associate participant model resolution

Publications:

- Citizen Participation and Community Engagement in the Local Action Plan Process
- FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards: Best Practices Guide 2000-2002
- Guide to Green Municipal Infrastructure
- Guide to Sustainable Asset Management
- FORUM magazine
- Sustainable Communities Guide to Municipal Building Retrofits
- Sustainable Community News (electronic)
- The Emerging Carbon Market – Part II: “Gold Standard” Criteria
- Policy Recommendations for Canadian Municipal Greenhouse Gas Trading
- The Implications of a Domestic Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for Canada’s Municipalities

Are you a PCP participant?

- Yes No

Municipality _____

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ Province/Territory _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

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