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### **BC'S GREENEST COMMUNITIES ATTRACT NATIONAL DELEGATION OF MUNICIPAL DECISION-MAKERS**

**FCM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES MISSION 2008**

***AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2008***

Ottawa, Ontario – For the first time in its 13-year history, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is bringing its [Sustainable Communities Mission](#) to British Columbia, home to some of the world's leading examples of sustainable community development.

As part of the tour, beginning August 17, in Vancouver, more than 30 municipal leaders from across Canada will get a first-hand look at one-of-a-kind projects that are at the forefront of sustainable development, including the Southeast False Creek Olympic Village, Whistler Athlete's Village and Victoria's Dockside Green.

Through site visits and presentations, delegates will learn invaluable information about energy and environmental policies and strategies; sustainable transportation; brownfield remediation; infrastructure design and efficiency; and, sustainable water and waste management. Information they can take home and use in their own communities.

Past missions have traveled to countries including Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and England. Now, Canadian communities don't have to travel overseas to find leading examples of sustainable practices, they are learning from each other, right here in their own back yard..

On August 18 delegates tour Vancouver's Sustainable Transportation Showcase, followed by a trip to the National Works Yard, home to one of the first buildings in Canada to receive LEED Gold Certification under LEED BC criteria.

Delegates will spend August 19 touring the Southeast False Creek and Olympic Village Sustainability Project. They will also visit the Metro Vancouver Waste-to-Energy facility in Burnaby.

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On August 20 the mission travels up the Sea to Sky Highway to the District of Squamish, Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada and a community where conservation is an imperative. The day continues farther north in the Resort Municipality of Whistler where delegates will tour the Whistler Public Library and the Olympic Athletes' Village.

The mission moves to Vancouver Island on August 21. Delegates will tour the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Operations Centre, a LEED Platinum building. They'll also visit Dockside Green, a one-of-a-kind sustainable community development still under construction in Victoria's inner harbour.

The tour wraps up August 22 with site visits to the city's Roundhouse Project, Railyards Project and the Selkirk Waterfront Community.

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