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Green Municipal Fund Commits \$135,000 to the City of Corner Brook for a Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Study

January 17, 2008, Corner Brook, NL – Mayor Woodrow French of the Town of Conception Bay South, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Honourable Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a \$135,000 Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the City of Corner Brook. The City has invested this funding in the completion of a wastewater treatment feasibility study.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Mayor Woodrow French, representing FCM. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

“Sustainable communities are the foundation of a sustainable nation. And that’s a goal that we all share,” said the Honourable Loyola Hearn. “Through the Green Municipal Fund, our government is assisting municipalities across the country to deliver results. Projects such as these will help to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians.”

The feasibility study reviewed the full life cycle of effluent from generation rates to disposal of generated sludge. It included an assessment of the receiving waters, the current level of pollution and future impacts. Various types of treatment—for example full secondary to screening and diffused outfalls as well as various levels in between—were evaluated to determine the most cost effective treatment means while protecting the future of the Humber Arm. The level of treatment will be appropriate to remove the required level of effluent parameters to protect the Humber Arm. Ultimately this will result in a significant reduction of sewage pollution into the Humber Arm.

“The feasibility study is an integral component of the City of Corner Brook’s total approach to provide a safe environment for its residents, as well as other residents of the region, and to minimize the impact on the environment from the City sewage disposal system,” said Corner Brook Mayor Charles Pender. “It is anticipated that sewage treatment will proceed in conjunction with City plans to provide full treatment of the City water supply, to reduce combined storm and sanitary sewage systems, and to set out initiatives to reduce water consumption. The sewage treatment study is critical to the long term planning of sanitary sewer system improvements.”

The Government of Canada has endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with \$550 million to establish and manage 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.

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