



Town of
Otterburn Park



NEWS RELEASE

Green Municipal Fund Commits \$350,000 to the Town of Otterburn Park for the New Pointe-Valaine Community Centre

March 14, 2008, Otterburn Park, QC – Saint Laurent Councillor Maurice Cohen, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Jacques Gourde, Member of Parliament for Lotbinière–Chutes-de-la-Chaudière, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a \$350,000 Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the Town of Otterburn Park. The Town has invested this funding in the construction of the newly completed Pointe-Valaine Community Centre.

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

“Through the Green Municipal Fund, the Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians,” said Mr. Gourde. “With this state-of-the-art, energy efficient, eco-friendly community centre, the people of Otterburn Park are demonstrating real environmental leadership, setting an excellent example for all of us.”

The new Pointe-Valaine Community Centre is a project involving construction of a community building using LEED (Leader in Energy Efficient Design) standards and the ecological rehabilitation of a recreational site on the Richelieu River. The Community Centre will use 60 per cent less energy by comparison with a standard building. This will result in a decrease of 13,567 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions per year as well as decreases in potable water consumption of 235,000 litres per year, rainwater effluent by 533,460 litres per year and wastewater by 171,500 litres per year. In addition, the site’s ecological rehabilitation has removed agricultural and petroleum contaminants in the ground and will cut the quantity of suspended solids, phosphorus and nitrogen that flows into the Richelieu River.

“The Pointe-Valaine Community Centre building and site rehabilitation have given a golden opportunity to the Town of Otterburn Park to gain some significant environmental benefits while reaffirming our civic pride,” said Otterburn Park Mayor Gérard Schafroth. “This project helps maximize local water, soil and air quality while contributing to Otterburn Park’s sense of community and cultural well being. Furthermore, the Town has already benefited from the significant contribution of talent, skills and labour of local professionals to this project on a site that is central to our heritage. Ultimately all of this improves the quality of life of every resident of Otterburn Park.”

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.

FCM has been the national voice of municipal governments since 1901. It fosters sustainable communities enjoying a high quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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For information on the Green Municipal Fund, including details of other approved projects and studies, visit <http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca>

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