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Green Municipal Fund Commits \$224,578 to Promote City of Regina Community Sustainability and Ross Industrial Park Eco-Industrial Networking

March 18, 2008, Regina, SK – His Worship Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina and Member of the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Honourable Tom Lukiwski, Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today two Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grants totalling \$224,578 for the City of Regina. The City has invested this funding in two planning studies to develop Regina's Community Sustainability Plan and to pursue eco-industrial networking opportunities for Ross Industrial Park.

"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 Pat Fiacco on behalf of 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 to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians," said the Honourable Tom Lukiwski, MP for Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre. "I am proud to announce our government's contribution to these two studies that will allow the City of Regina to plan for a more eco-friendly future."

Under the Community Sustainability Plan project, the City of Regina is working along with over 20 community partners that are members of the Mayor's Task Force on Regina's Future, to align the community's goals for the future and enable the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Regina's largest industrial park, the Ross Industrial Park, consists of more than 400 businesses ranging from large refineries to non-retail commercial operations and small distribution facilities. The City of Regina is working with the Regina Eco-Industrial Network Association (REINA) to use the Eco-Industrial Networking approach to develop an integrated strategy to enhance the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of the Park's transportation infrastructure and activities.

"Thanks to FCM's Green Municipal Fund, the City of Regina has had the opportunity to consider measures to build community sustainability and eco-industrial networking that it might not have had otherwise," said Regina Mayor Fiacco. "This planning will result in civic and environmental benefits that will improve the quality of life for all residents of Regina. For example, the Community Sustainability Plan will help our City grow its community spirit while reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 804,000 tonnes by 2012. In addition, the eco-industrial networking plan for Ross Industrial Park will result in a more efficient use of natural resources, less congestion, fewer greenhouse gas emissions, improved natural habitats, reduced exposure to pollutants, and improved storm water quality."

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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