



## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund announces \$ 2.3 million in funding to Support LEED Gold Qplex Wellness and Conference centre in Quispamsis**

**February 20, 2009, Quispamsis, NB** – Jean Perrault, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of Sherbrooke, Que. and Rob Moore, Member of Parliament for Fundy Royal, on behalf of the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today Green Municipal Fund (GMF) funding for the Town of Quispamsis' LEED Gold Qplex Wellness and Conference centre.

Perrault and Moore were also joined by New Brunswick Minister of Local Government, Bernard LeBlanc, who recently concluded an agreement with the Green Municipal Fund that guarantees all New Brunswick municipalities have complete access to all GMF loans and grants.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund is an excellent way for all municipalities in New Brunswick to access low-interest loans and grants that will help them invest in their local sustainable infrastructure projects," said FCM President Jean Perrault, Mayor of Sherbrooke, Qué. "We are pleased that by working closely with the Government of New Brunswick and the province's municipal associations, we now have an agreement in place that guarantees all New Brunswick municipalities enjoy full access to FCM's Green Municipal Fund for projects like the ones we are announcing today."

"Our Government is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment through the Green Municipal Fund," said Mr. Moore. "Today's announcement is another example of how our Government – in partnership with the FCM – is helping the Town of Quispamsis build a greener future for their citizens."

The Town of Quispamsis will build the QPlex Wellness and Conference Centre, a central, community-supported, multipurpose recreational building. The town expects to meet LEED Gold guidelines for the project, based on an initial forecast energy savings of 61.3 per cent relative to a similar building reference under the Model National Energy Code for Buildings. All planning has considered how to save energy and minimize the impacts on the surrounding natural landscape.

"This LEED Gold Arena, Conference Centre and Pool Complex is the largest and most sustainable project the Town of Quispamsis has ever undertaken. We are most appreciative of FCM's Green Municipal Fund's low interest loan and grant that will help make this project a reality" said Quispamsis Mayor Murray Driscoll.

As one of only a handful buildings in New Brunswick built to LEED guidelines, the town expects that the QPlex project will generate interest in green buildings from investors, builders and potential occupants. A more detailed breakdown of the funding and the project is available in the attached backgrounder.

"Today's investments will help these two municipalities to proceed with important green infrastructure projects and help us work toward our goal of self-sufficiency," said Bernard LeBlanc, Minister of Local Government. "By collaborating with organizations such as the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities, we are assisting New Brunswick municipalities to become even more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. 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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