

NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Town of Lockeport's Integrated Sustainability Plan

August 12, 2010, Lockeport, N.S. – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, B.C., and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, announced today a Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant for the Town of Lockeport. The town has invested the \$44,385 in funding to develop an integrated community sustainability plan (ICSP) to establish goals for environmental, social, cultural and economic development and achieve Lockeport's 30-year vision.

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

"The Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund," said Minister Paradis. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with the FCM — is helping Lockeport build a greener future for our citizens."

The ICSP will address Lockeport's current and future needs by examining infrastructure requirements in the context of broader long-term strategies. The project team will take a "systems approach" to sustainability planning, looking at the larger framework and the way that the parts relate. To develop a vision, the project team will identify Lockeport's major sustainability challenges, develop information programs, conduct public consultations, and form a steering committee and working groups.

The project team will create a communications plan to generate public interest, awareness and understanding regarding Lockeport's sustainability, and will also educate the Town Council and staff. The town will also develop strategic plans and practical management programs for implementing the plan, and for ongoing monitoring and reporting. Public consultation and collaboration between stakeholders will be a key aspect of the planning and implementation success.

"The Town of Lockeport appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our community sustainability initiative," said Mayor Darian Huskison. "Improvements in sustainability that occur as a result of the ICSP will encourage economic development, reduce Lockeport's dependency on energy sources that create emissions or hazardous waste, generate revenue as well as help local residents take the future into their own hands to create an even better way of life for themselves, their children and their grandchildren. All of this will turn Lockeport into a sustainability success story."

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with \$550 million to establish 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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