



FCM welcomes the City of St. Albert as the 200th member of the Partners for Climate Protection program

March 4, St. Albert, Alta. – Basil Stewart, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and mayor of Summerside, P.E.I., welcomed the City of St. Albert as the 200th member of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program. PCP is a network of Canadian municipal governments that have committed to reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) and acting on climate change.

“We are thrilled that St. Albert has joined so many other municipalities that are taking concrete, measurable steps toward reducing their greenhouse gas emissions,” said Stewart. “FCM is dedicated to supporting St. Albert in meeting these milestones; whether it’s by helping them access funding through FCM’s Green Municipal Fund, or by providing them with resources co-developed with other municipalities already engaged in the program.”

The addition of the 200th member to the PCP network marks a significant achievement for the program. Municipal governments continue to be at the forefront of action on climate change since the inception of PCP in 1994. In December 2009, FCM released a new report, *Act Locally — The Municipal Role in Fighting Climate Change*, showing the federal government can jump-start its national climate change strategy by partnering with municipalities on cost-effective, community-based projects.

Broad involvement of municipalities in all provinces and territories is having a measurable impact on emissions. In 2009, PCP members reported 1.3 million tonnes of emissions reductions. “We are very proud to celebrate our 200th member, and look forward to the continuing growth of this excellent and relevant network,” said Stewart.

“The City of St. Albert is pleased to join this partnership and further enhance our work in the area of climate protection,” said St. Albert Mayor Nolan Crouse. “Our community is committed to environmental sustainability and knows that this kind of collaboration will lead to a healthier, stronger environment for today’s residents and future generations.”

PCP is a partnership between FCM and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. PCP is the Canadian component of ICLEI’s Cities for Climate Protection (CPP) Campaign, which involves more than 900 communities internationally. The program uses a five-milestone framework to guide communities in assessing and reducing their GHG emissions: 1) creating a GHG inventory and forecast; 2) setting an emissions reduction target; 3) developing a local action plan; 4) implementing the plan; and 5) monitoring progress and reporting results.

On average, PCP members have invested \$110,000 to complete the first three milestones of the program for their municipal operations. Municipalities often find these costs are offset by energy savings once mitigation measures are implemented. Funding support is available from FCM’s Green Municipal Fund™, which provides grants for up to 50 per cent of costs to a maximum of \$350,000 toward the completion of the second and third milestones.

GMF can also provide grants for feasibility studies, as well as grants and below-market loans for capital projects to implement actions undertaken at Milestone Four. Complementary funding is also available from provincial programs.

The Partners for Climate Protection program is administered through FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

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