

## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Municipality of Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata in creating a sustainable development plan**

**August 18, 2010, Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata, Que.** – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay (B.C.), and Bernard Généreux, member of Parliament for Montmagny-L'Islet-Kamouraska-Rivière-du-Loup, today announced a Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant to the Municipality of Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata. The municipality has invested the \$22,550 in funding to create a plan to promote local sustainable development.

“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 support 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 Mr. Généreux. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata build a greener future for our citizens.”

Over the past three years, the municipality has been the staging ground for several ground-breaking development initiatives in fields such as wind power, tourism, forestry and agriculture. To harness future development to achieve the greatest possible community benefit, Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata started in mid-December last year to pursue a sustainable development plan in order to:

- confirm the sustainable development values proposed by the municipality and its partner organizations,
- produce a community development strategy for citizen review and adoption during a public assembly,
- complete a summary of current and planned development projects as well as municipal development policies,
- identify medium and long-term development opportunities, and
- adopt a community development strategy that reflects community values as well as the nature of current and future development projects.

“The Green Municipal Fund grant provides a tremendous opportunity for Saint-Honoré-de-Témiscouata to move forward on sustainability with a robust vision, effective policies, strategies and targets developed with the community,” said Mayor Marin Lebel. “This sustainable development plan will help our municipality chart and navigate future development, rather than simply being blown about by the winds of change.”

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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective and accountable municipal government.*

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