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GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND COMMITS \$14,975 TO THE CITY OF VAUDREUIL-DORION TO HELP FIND ALTERNATIVES TO SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE QUINCHIEN AREA

September 24, 2007, Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC – Mayor Edgar Rouleau of the City of Dorval, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a \$14,975 Green Municipal Fund grant to help the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion conduct a detailed study to determine the appropriate individual and community-wide solutions to the wastewater management problems in the Quinchien area. As many as 210 dwellings in that area, many of them older cottages, are not serviced by the municipal system. Many have septic systems that do not comply with current provincial regulations because their property is either too small or situated too close to private water wells.

To determine the appropriate solution, a field inventory and mapping will be conducted for existing septic systems and their related equipment, and potable water wells. The properties will then be assessed to evaluate compliance with regulations, and identify problem areas. Samples of potable well water will also be collected.

“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 Edgar Rouleau, representing FCM. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

“Sustainable communities are the foundation of a sustainable nation. And that’s a goal that we all share,” said Minister Lunn. “Through the Green Municipal Fund, the Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country to deliver results. Projects such as this will help to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians.”

The results of the study will be used to identify appropriate alternative solutions including, but not limited to, intercepting the wastewater from isolated dwellings in the area by means of an alternative system; treating the wastewater from the dwellings before returning it to watercourses; or building a trunk sewer.

“The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is serious about solving the wastewater management problems in the Quinchien area,” said Mayor Guy Pilon. “Through the Green Municipal Fund, we will be able to move forward to eliminate any potential of the discharge of sanitary sewage into the Ottawa River and reduce the risk of the drinking water being polluted by sanitary sewage.”

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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