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GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND COMMITS \$12,024 TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT-DAMIEN-DE-BRANDON FOR A BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION STUDY

September 6, 2007, Saint-Damien-de-Brandon, QC – FCM First Vice-President Jean Perrault, Mayor of the City of Sherbrooke, and the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a \$12,024 Green Municipal Fund grant to help the Municipality of Saint-Damien-de-Brandon conduct a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and develop a remediation plan for a 415,820 square foot contaminated property adjacent to City Hall. A sawmill and wood preserving plant once occupied the land. The Phase II ESA will help define the remediation required prior to redevelopment of the property.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said FCM First Vice-President Jean Perrault. “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.”

Approximately twenty-two test pits will be excavated during the feasibility study. Soil samples will be analyzed for one or more of the following compounds: petroleum hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, phenol compounds, ethylene glycols and metals. In addition, four groundwater observation wells will be drilled and groundwater samples will be collected and analyzed.

“The remediation of this site is a turning point for our town,” said Mayor Céline Tremblay. “It is a decisive step in erasing the environmental liability that has plagued the heart of our village and it opens the door to new residential developments that will have a major fiscal, environmental, social and economic impact locally. In these times of very tight municipal budgets, the assistance of the Green Municipal Fund is extremely useful.”

Remediation of the site will seek to maximize the potential for residential land use and will correspond to the Ministère de l’Environnement et de la Faune Class B decontamination standards. In its tender for the eventual capital installation project, the Municipality will include specific energy efficiency criteria including building insulation, heating and lighting, as well as water efficiency.

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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For information on the Green Municipal Fund, including details of other approved projects and studies, visit <http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca>

For information on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, visit <http://www.fcm.ca>

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