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Green Municipal Fund Commits \$55,000 to the City of St. Albert for a Riel Park Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment Plan

November 2, 2007, St. Albert, AB – Councillor Karen Leibovici of the City of Edmonton, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Mr. John Williams, Member of Parliament for Edmonton–St. Albert, today announced a \$55,000 Green Municipal Fund grant to the City of St. Albert. The grant will help the City produce an integrated remediation and redevelopment plan for a brownfield area in city-owned Riel Park. The plan will incorporate the goals of the City’s Landfill Management Risk Strategy with the development of more greenspace and recreational facilities at the site in order to benefit the quality of life of the entire community.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Councillor Karen Leibovici. “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 Mr. Williams. “Through the Green Municipal Fund, our government is assisting municipalities across the country to deliver results. Projects such as this will help to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians.”

Along with allowing a large brownfield parcel to be remediated into parkland, which could be used to maintain or expand existing recreational facilities, the implementation of the Riel Park Integrated Redevelopment Plan will see the City’s Red Willow Park trail system expanding to become a gateway to the new Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park.

“The City of St. Albert and its residents have always been very committed to protecting the environment, and we’re very pleased to be receiving this funding for our project,” said Mayor Nolan Crouse. “We estimate that by following contemporary best practices for the former landfill site, we’ll be able to provide the community with at least 10 additional hectares of land for park and recreation developments. The area is being redeveloped for outdoor sports, such as football and rodeo events.”

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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