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GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND COMMITS UP TO \$11,256 TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF GRAND-SAINT-ESPRIT TO ENSURE HIGH QUALITY DRINKING WATER

October 19, 2007, Grand-Saint-Esprit, 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 Green Municipal Fund grant of up to \$11,256 to help the Municipality of Grand-Saint-Esprit identify options to ensure that all residents obtain high quality drinking water and actions to protect water quality throughout the watershed. The study will identify the geographical extent of the watershed supplying the Municipality's wells, analyse water quality, recommend actions to protect the sensitive areas within the watershed, and examine water conservation and distribution within the municipality.

"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."

"We expect that the project will result in a water supply that surpasses provincial drinking water quality guidelines," said Mayor Julien Boudreault. "In addition to environmental benefits, we anticipate that implementation of the study recommendations will result in important social and economic benefits to the community, including the mitigation of health risks associated with untreated water from an unprotected source."

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 Federation of Canadian Municipalities, visit <http://www.fcm.ca>

For information on Natural Resources Canada, visit <http://nrcan-rncan.gc.ca>

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