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THE DISTRICT OF 100 MILE HOUSE TO RECEIVE \$60,000 FROM THE GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLANNING

August 10, 2006, District of 100 Mile House, BC – District of 100 Mile House Mayor Donna Barnett, FCM Vice President at Large Director Hans Cunningham of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, representing FCM's National Board of Directors, and Betty Hinton, MP (Kamloops–Thompson–Cariboo) representing the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, announced today a \$60,000 Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant for the District of 100 Mile House. The funding will help the District develop a long-term, action-oriented Sustainable Community Servicing Plan (SCSP) to improve the sustainability of the community's infrastructure.

"The SCSP will provide our District with a 20-year plan for capital and operational investment that will consider both growth-related investment and the renewal/rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, including the management of transportation, water, wastewater, and storm drainage systems," said Mayor Barnett. "The innovative use of geographic information system technology will be employed to evaluate a wide variety of scenarios. This will enable us to achieve multiple objectives in a cost-effective manner."

"The SCSP will reflect a broad triple bottom-line approach to community servicing with substantial environmental benefits," said FCM Vice President at Large Hans Cunningham. "There is much value in undertaking a long-term sustainable development plan that integrates traditional infrastructure development plan with desired environmental, social and economic outcomes."

"Through the Green Municipal Fund, the new Government of Canada is demonstrating its commitment to clean air, clean water, clean land, and clean energy. The government is showing also its dedication to combining community support with stronger accountability and transparency practises," said Betty Hinton, MP. "Investments based on GMF feasibility studies allow project partners to be confident that taxpayers' dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively."

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.

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