

NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Calgary's Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

February 24, 2011, Calgary, Alta. – A grant from the Green Municipal Fund will help The City of Calgary build a greener future for its citizens. Len Bracko, St. Albert City Councillor and member of FCM's National Board of Directors and Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre, announced the \$328,850 grant today. The funds will help support The City's efforts to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, one of the three top priority areas for its urban sustainability plan.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said Bracko. "The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable."

"The Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund," said Richardson. "Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping Calgary build a greener future for our citizens."

This project is a partnership of FCM, Alberta Environment and The City of Calgary. The community-wide GHG reduction plan falls out of Calgary's larger long term plan for urban sustainability, *imagineCALGARY*, one of the largest sustainability visioning processes ever organized in Canada. More than 18,000 citizens were involved in developing, among other things, short- and medium-term GHG-reduction targets.

"The GHG reduction plan is an important step toward a much more sustainable Calgary," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi. "Of course, everyone must be involved in this sustainable future. How we build our city impacts the energy and resources we use to live, work and play. It's exciting that community stakeholders have stepped forward to build a solution."

Strategic in nature, Calgary's GHG Reduction Plan will outline the actions and roles needed across different sectors to reduce emissions on a community-wide basis and deliver three primary outcomes: definitions of roles and accountabilities; an implementation framework for The City and community partners, and a system to measure and report GHG emission levels and targets.

The project is being lead by The City of Calgary in consultation with community

stakeholder groups. The next stage in the process will be stakeholder engagement, expected to begin in April, with the final draft plan going to City council in the fall of 2011.

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with \$550 million to establish 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 the development of sustainable communities to improve quality of life by promoting strong, effective, and accountable municipal government.

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