

## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Kamloops' brownfields studies**

**January 25, 2011, Kamloops, B.C.** – Hans Cunningham, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and director of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, B.C., and the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of Natural Resources, today announced a Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) grant contribution for the City of Kamloops. The township put the \$185,851 in funding toward the study of remediation options for a former ammunition storage site.

“FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Cunningham. “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 Minister Paradis. “Today's announcement is another example of how our government — in partnership with FCM — is helping Kamloops build a greener future for our citizens.”

The city of Kamloops will study and develop a remedial action plan for the site of the former provincial Rayleigh Correctional Centre. The property had previously been a Department of National Defence ammunition storage depot.

Kamloops will redevelop the non-contaminated northern portion of the site into the Rayleigh Slo-Pitch Park with high-quality amateur sport and competition facilities, as well as a playground and day park facilities with walking trails. The contamination is found in the southern 80 hectares of land. Potential uses for this property include agriculture, additional recreational facilities, and an RV park to be developed by Tk'emlups Indian Band.

Past uses that contaminated the brownfield include waste oil drum storage, coal storage, an incinerator, a fire pit, a munitions area, and landfilling of a swale. This study will confirm the extent of contamination and develop a remediation plan for an estimated 13,000 cubic meters of contaminated soil at this site.

The study will include re-evaluating site contaminants and updating and consolidating previous environmental assessment reports; sampling and monitoring soil and groundwater in eight areas already known to be contaminated; identifying and selecting remediation strategies; and preparing documentation in accordance with the requirements of the BC Contaminated Sites Regulation. During the study, the city will also consult with user groups and interested stakeholders to explore innovative ways to redevelop the land.

The methodology for testing and evaluating the viability of remediation options will include cost analysis as part of the overall project, effectiveness in providing a permanent solution, and compatibility with the city's sustainability goals.

The redevelopment of this brownfield site into a centre for recreational and agricultural activities will generate benefits that extend well beyond the immediate community.

"The City of Kamloops appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for our sustainable initiative," said Mayor Peter Milobar. "The Rayleigh Slo-Pitch Park is stimulant for our local economy and boosts Kamloops' reputation as a world-class tournament city."

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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