

NEWS RELEASE

FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Northern Sunrise County's water treatment plant project

February 22, 2011, Peace River, Alta. – Lorne Olsvik, member of the national board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and councillor for Lac Ste. Anne County and Chris Warkentin, Member of Parliament for Peace River, today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) loan and grant contributions for Northern Sunrise County. The County, Village of Nampa and Woodland Cree First Nation put the \$2.3 million in funding toward the replacement of two older water filtration plants with a single state-of-the-art facility.

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

Northern Sunrise County, in partnership with the Village of Nampa and the Woodland Cree First Nation, has built a new water treatment plant designed to meet LEED® Silver requirements. This facility replaces two outdated plants that could not meet the area's current and future water needs.

The energy-efficient measures used in the plant's design includes solar wall ventilation, building automated systems, demand management, energy-efficient fixtures, high-efficiency boiler system, high insulation value for building envelope, low energy demand cooling system, and minimized travel for operators.

The new regional water supply system exceeds provincial and federal regulatory standards. Proven methods and technologies give outstanding consideration to environmental, social and economic factors. The project's environmental footprint is minimized through the use of pre-existing infrastructure, including buildings, transmission lines and intake structure.

The project also promotes environmental awareness and knowledge of water conservation and sustainable design within the communities involved. The use of water from the Peace River, the region's most sustainable water source, ensures a healthy water supply and provides for future population growth.

“This water project is a testament to successfully building sustainable infrastructure by leveraging partnerships and the community's commitment to a greener future” said Carolyn Kolebaba, Reeve for Northern Sunrise County. She added “We are now able to provide today's residents with clean, safe drinking water, conscious of tomorrow's needs and aspirations”.

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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