



## NEWS RELEASE

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Bromont's sustainable development plan**

**August 2, 2010, Bromont, Qc.** – 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 to the City of Bromont. The city is investing the \$124,000 in funding to create and implement a sustainable development plan with socio-economic and environmental objectives that will benefit the city and surrounding region.

"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 Bromont build a greener future for our citizens."

Based on a regional diagnostic study, Bromont will plan and implement a Sustainable Development Plan for the City of Bromont and Surrounding Territory (SDP-CBST). All five of the GMF sectors of municipal activity (brownfields, energy, transportation, waste, and water) as well as other jurisdictional matters will be considered as part of the development of the SDP-CBST over a two-year period.

Following an extensive consultation process and taking into account the sustainable development strategy of the Government of Québec as well as the zoning planning of the Municipalité régionale de comté (MRC) of Brome-Missisquoi, the city will develop a broad vision for the future that sets clear and obtainable short, medium and long-term goals. The resulting action plan will feature socio-economic and environmental indicators that together will form an overall administrative framework for the city.

"The city of Bromont appreciates the support provided by the Green Municipal Fund for its sustainable initiative because it will help us obtain our socio-economic and environmental objectives", said Mayor Pauline Quinlan. "The ultimate goal of our sustainable development plan is to improve the citizenry's quality of life and allow for the achievement of their full economic potential in a manner that respects the environment and is sustainable. We are one step closer to building a greener future for the citizens of Bromont."

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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