

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the City of Oshawa's energy conservation measures and electrical retrofits to City Hall and municipal buildings**

**May 22, 2009, Oshawa, ON** – Chair and CEO of the Region of Durham Roger Anderson, representing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, and Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for Oshawa, on behalf of the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources, announced today a Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant and loan for the City of Oshawa. The City is using the \$2,217,603 in funding for energy improvements to City Hall, the Arts Resource Centre, McLaughlin Library Branch and Robert McLaughlin Gallery that will reduce energy consumption by more than half. The anticipated annual utility savings are projected to be approximately \$450,000 to \$500,000.

"FCM's Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments," said Roger Anderson of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Chair and CEO of the Region of Durham. "The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable."

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

The City of Oshawa's energy retrofit project includes the demolition of the Council Chambers as well as comprehensive energy and building system improvements to City Hall, the Arts Resource Centre, McLaughlin Library Branch and Robert McLaughlin Gallery. The project includes everything from new windows, lights and controls, to updated electrical systems, and heating, ventilation and cooling systems. The upgrades will make lighting, water and other building systems more efficient.

"The City of Oshawa is grateful to the Government of Canada and FCM for this timely investment," stated Mayor John Gray. "Oshawa's energy retrofit dramatically increases efficiency by eliminating waste."

The Green Municipal Fund is an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. 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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