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FCM's Green Municipal Fund supports the Township of Springwater's LEED Silver Administration Centre

April 16, 2010, Township of Springwater, Ont. – Kathy Jeffery, member of the board of directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and councillor for the Town of Collingwood, Ont., today announced Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) loan and grant contributions for the Township of Springwater. The township put the \$2,300,000 in funding toward construction of a new energy and cost efficient building to consolidate its administrative services and council and committee facilities.

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

The new building will consolidate the township's administrative services and council and committee facilities, currently housed in two locations 20 kilometres apart. It will also accommodate, over time, staff growth of up to 30 per cent.

The township and its local construction partners are incorporating many energy and cost efficiency measures in the building's design, such as increased insulation in the walls and roof, high-quality glazing, extensive use of natural light, energy-recovery ventilation, variable-speed pumps and fans, radiant slab cooling, low-lighting power densities, condensing boilers and displacement ventilation. Together, these choices will reduce energy consumption by 40.7 per cent and cut greenhouse gas emissions by 32.3 tonnes per year.

While links to a planned trail system will promote active transportation, the new location will also revitalize a now-abandoned area and permit other recreation facilities to be developed on-site.

This is a project with a significant positive environmental impact, and could serve as a model for other small municipalities of 20,000 residents or less.

"This Administration Centre is the culmination of many years of hard work. On behalf of the Council, staff and residents of Springwater Township, I would like to thank the Green Municipal Fund for their assistance in helping to make it a reality," said Springwater Mayor Tony Guergis. "This building is a demonstration of the kind of environmentally friendly construction that we would like to encourage in future development."

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