



## **CITY OF VICTORIA WINS FCM–CH2M HILL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AWARD**

**Whistler, B.C., June 6, 2009** – The City of Victoria was the recipient of a 2009 FCM–CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Award at a ceremony during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ in Whistler. Victoria was the winner in the brownfields category for its Dockside Green Phase I project.

“FCM congratulates the City of Victoria for its FCM–CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Award in the brownfields category,” said Jean Perrault, president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and mayor of Sherbrooke, Que. “We are especially proud that FCM’s Green Municipal Fund contributed funding to this important project that is contributing creative and practical solutions to some of the critical issues of the environment and sustainable development the world faces today.”

“The City of Victoria is very proud of Dockside Green. This outstanding development has been a lesson in the art of the possible,” said Mayor of Victoria Dean Fortin. “Now is the time that sustainable development be seen as the norm, not the exception.”

Built on 15 acres of land identified as a brownfield in central Victoria, Dockside Green is based on the triple-bottom-line approach. The project has taken an integrated approach to energy, water, waste and resources management for sustainable site infrastructure associated with the project.

Dockside Green boasts a suite of sustainability features, including LEED® Platinum buildings, low water consumption, sewage water treatment and reuse of treated water for irrigation and toilet flushing, on-site stormwater management through a combination of green roofs, bioswales and a naturalized creek that runs through the site (60% completed). It will contribute to reduced car use through a comprehensive transportation strategy and, in the future, will be greenhouse gas neutral thanks to the on-site biomass system that will heat the complex.

Since 2000, best practices in sustainable community development have been celebrated each year with the FCM–CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Awards.

The Awards are open to all municipal governments and their private-sector partners. To be eligible for an award in one of eight categories, projects must have been completed within two years of the date of application, or be in the final stages of implementation, and must have achieved measurable results. Submissions are judged by an expert panel of judges selected by FCM.

FCM’s Green Municipal Fund and CH2M HILL Canada Ltd. are the primary sponsors of the Sustainable Community Awards. Transport Canada sponsors the transportation category and the Affordability and Choice Today (ACT) program sponsors the residential development category.

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