



South Islanders Recognized for Contributions Abroad

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Five municipal employees from Victoria and Port Alberni will be recognized at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities convention today for their contributions to communities in Nicaragua and Sri Lanka.

Four years ago the City of Victoria partnered with the City of Tipitapa, Nicaragua to assist them in developing a plan to manage their solid waste. This partnership has expanded to include the capital city of Managua and has the potential to significantly affect the lives of over a million people.

The Sri Lanka-Port Alberni partnership has focused on renewing their roads, improving drainage and developing a five year community plan to make their community more sustainable. In the wake of the 2004 tsunami, a plan was developed to improve city drainage and can now be used by the City to map its entire drainage system.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

Where: Fairmont Empress, Esquimalt Room

When: Friday, March 6, 2009, 11:30 am

Who: Gary Cicon, Engineer, City of Port Alberni and Chris Hall, Director of Planning, District of North Cowichan

Mike McCliggott, Assistant City Manager, Katie Josephson, Director of Communications and Terry Snow, Manager of Solid Waste from City of Victoria

BACKGROUND:

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been the national voice of municipal government since 1901. With more than 1,400 members, FCM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. Members include Canada's largest cities, small urban and rural communities, and 18 provincial and territorial municipal associations.

The International Centre for Municipal Development (ICMD) represents FCM internationally. It works to help local governments around the world develop their capacity to deliver basic services, promote economic growth and encourage the participation of their citizens.

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