

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Project Background Notes

***Green Municipal Fund (GMF)
Announcement Event***



Green Municipal Fund announcement of funding for the implementation of a comprehensive waste management plan called *Greening Vaughan* to divert waste from landfill.

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009
1:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers, City of Vaughan Civic Centre,
2141 Major MacKenzie Drive (Maple),
Vaughan, Ontario**

The Government of Canada endowed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with \$550 million to establish the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) to provide a long-term, sustainable source of financing for municipal governments and their partners. The Fund supports communities to improve air, water and soil quality, and to address climate change.

The Fund provides low-interest loans and grants, builds capacity, and shares knowledge to support municipal governments and their partners in developing communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. Funding is allocated to capital projects and studies in six sectors of municipal activity: brownfields, energy, planning, transportation, waste and water. To ensure the greatest possible impact, GMF invests in the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development — examples that can be replicated in other communities.

The FCM Centre for Sustainable Community Development manages GMF.

The following funding announcement will be made on Tuesday, January 13, 2009:

GMF 9313 – Waste – Municipal Solid Waste Management – Greening Vaughan (GV): A Comprehensive Waste Management Plan for the City of Vaughan – City of Vaughan (ON) – Grant: \$1,000,000; Total Budget: \$2,352,920 – Population: 250,000 (Urban). The Greening Vaughan initiative focuses on diverting waste from landfill, addressing the issues of landfill availability and location, and exceeding the provincial waste reduction target of 60 per cent. The diversion objectives are being met primarily through improved recycling and household organic waste programs implemented in three phases over a two-year period. Phase One was launched in September 2005 and saw a dramatic increase in recyclables in the first four months. The City of Vaughan launched Phase 2 of the program in November 2006. Phase Two introduced the weekly collection of household organic waste to single-family dwellings. Approximately 91 per cent of Vaughan’s residential population lives in homes that receive municipal curbside collection services. The remaining nine per cent live primarily in multi-unit residential dwellings. The City generally does not collect from other establishments. Previous to the Greening Vaughan initiative, the City’s diversion rate was 17 per cent. The weekly household curbside organics collection program has contributed approximately 30 per cent to this rate. Under Phase Three launched in September 2007, garbage collection only occurs once every other week, and paid garbage tags are required for any item over the three-item garbage limit. As of 2008, the City exceeded the 60 per cent diversion from landfill provincial target.

Note: the total budget figure above is the City’s estimated cost for all three phases of the Greening Vaughan initiative. The grant from FCM for \$1,000,000 reduces this amount accordingly. The City must meet several conditions in the Fund contracts to receive the entire \$1,000,000.

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