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Winners of Sustainable Communities Awards unveiled in Windsor, ON

Windsor, ON — The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) today unveiled the winners of its 2013 Sustainable Communities Awards at a ceremony during the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show (SCC) in Windsor, ON. The awards recognize innovation and excellence in municipal sustainable development across Canada in six categories: brownfields, energy, neighbourhood development, transportation, waste and water.

“The communities we celebrate tonight completely debunk the idea that environmental sustainability and economic development are mutually exclusive,” said Raymond Louie, third vice-president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, chair of the Green Municipal Fund Council, and councillor for the City of Vancouver, BC. “Tonight’s winners show how municipalities across the country are working with local businesses, labour, community organizations and developers to create and carry out sustainable development practices while developing a greener economy for Canada — one project at a time.”

The Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF) is the primary sponsor of the Sustainable Communities Awards. The Government of Canada endowed FCM with \$550 million to establish the Fund.

“Tonight, we applaud the hard-working municipalities across the country that are setting an example for others,” added Louie. “Congratulations to the citizens, councils and city staff of all of our winning communities. Through your leadership and example, you are building Canada a brighter future.”

The winners of the 2013 FCM Sustainable Communities Awards are:

Brownfields

- Planning: City of Greater Sudbury, ON — Reclaiming Our Urban Places: Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement Plan
- Project: City of Kingston, ON — Belle Park Specialty Tree Planting and Associated Landscaping Project

Energy

- Planning: City of Kelowna, BC — Community Climate Action Plan and Corporate Energy and GHG Emissions Plan
- Project:
 1. Capital Regional District, BC — Renewable Energy Heat Recovery Project
 2. City of Summerside, PEI — Wind Farm and Smart Grid Pilot Program

Neighbourhood development

- Town of Qualicum Beach, BC — Qualicum Beach Sustainability Plan

Transportation

- City of Red Deer, AB — Commuter Bike Pilot Project
- City of Toronto, ON, and the Toronto Transit Commission — Creating a Better Victoria Park Terminal

Waste

- Town of Vegreville, AB — Vegreville Residential Compost Program
- City of Yellowknife, NWT, and Ecology North — Centralized Composting Pilot Project

Water

- City of Yorkton, SK — Water Treatment Plant and Logan Green Water Management System – [View Yorkton's Water Treatment Plant Video](#)
- City of Waterloo, ON — GreenLab RIM Park — Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse System

Videos of each award-winning project are available on [FCM's website](#).

See also:

Eligibility and category descriptions Award-winning projects

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