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City of Yorkton Participating In Jordan Project

A team from the City of Yorkton is just back from the introductory visit of the Jordan Municipal Support Project. Yorkton was selected as one of two municipalities representing Canada, Colchester County, Nova Scotia being the other Canadian participant.

The project is implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and financed by Global Affairs Canada. Over the next four years it will mobilize expertise from across the Canadian municipal sector to assist rural and small-town municipalities in Jordan through a peer to peer approach, with elected representatives and staff meeting their Jordanian counterparts.

The City of Yorkton was selected for its achievement in solid waste management, including diversion and recycling, as well as public education initiatives.

“Our success here comes from the outstanding participation of our citizens in making the right decisions for our community” said City of Yorkton Councillor Randy Goulden, who is also a national board member of FCM. Along with Goulden, the Yorkton delegation included Darcy McLeod, City Community Development, Parks and Recreation Director. Michael Buchholzer, Director of Environmental Services, will be making two trips to Jordan over the next few months to work with municipalities in Jordan on developing their solid waste management and recycling programs.

The twelve-day mission took the team to central and southern Jordan and developed relationships with twelve municipalities. Jordan has welcomed large numbers of refugees from around the region and communities are facing many infrastructure and capacity challenges. The country is simultaneously implementing decentralization to strengthen its municipal government structure. .

“Everywhere we went, we were welcomed by wonderful people introducing us to their country. They’re eager to work with Canadian municipalities to improve their communities.” said Goulden.

This visit set the foundation for future technical support. Over the next four years, municipal specialists from Yorkton and other Canadian municipalities will provide this assistance, covering staff time, with no additional costs. Expenses related to travel are covered by Global Affairs Canada. Councillors receive their expenses paid while participating but are otherwise contributing their own time to the project.

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