



NEW GREEN ROOF FOR CAMPBELL RIVER CITY HALL THANKS TO FEDERAL GAS TAX FUND

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Campbell River, British Columbia – John Duncan, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Island North Ben Stewart, Minister of Community and Rural Development, and His Worship Mayor Charlie Cornfield today celebrated the completion a new green roof renovation to the Campbell River City Hall building.

Exclusively funded through the federal Gas Tax Fund, Campbell River City Hall renovations received \$489,039 in funding and, the project was recognized in the Building Awards category at the first-ever municipal awards of excellence at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting on May 29, 2010.

“I am very pleased that this project in Campbell River received top honours from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities,” said MP Duncan. “This new green roof at City Hall is an excellent example of what federal programs like the Gas Tax Fund were designed to achieve and demonstrates our commitment to support green energy projects.”

The vegetation layer on the new green roof is expected to increase its lifespan to double that of a conventional roof, as well as moderate the temperature inside the building, reducing heating and ventilation costs.

“Collaboration among funding partners makes innovative infrastructure improvements realistic,” said Minister of Community and Rural Development Ben Stewart. “Campbell River has clearly taken a long term view, showing leadership by their approach in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

“The FCM recognition acknowledges Campbell River City Hall’s green roof as the first civic building in BC to receive a complete green roof retrofit to an existing building,” says Mayor Charlie Cornfield. “With this green roof, the City of Campbell River is demonstrating our commitment to both our Green City Strategy and to the BC Climate Action Charter, and we’re showing municipal governments across Canada that a green roof retrofit can be a great fit from a triple-bottom line approach when considering upgrading a conventional roof.”

The Government of Canada’s Gas Tax Fund is a tripartite agreement between Canada, British Columbia and UBCM delivering infrastructure funding to local governments for capital projects that lead to cleaner air, cleaner water or reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Between 2010 and 2014, the Government of Canada will be providing over \$1 billion from the Gas Tax Fund for local infrastructure in British Columbia.

“Communities around BC are looking for ways to renew and update aging infrastructure,” said UBCM President Harry Nyce. “The Gas Tax Fund is playing a vital role in helping communities like Campbell River to build infrastructure that is sustainable and cost efficient.”

For further information on the Government of Canada’s infrastructure investments in British Columbia, visit www.creatingjobs.gc.ca. To learn more about Canada’s Economic Action Plan, visit www.actionplan.gc.ca.

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