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Town of Raymond wins a national 2020 Sustainable Communities Award

September 14, 2020 – Town of Raymond is pleased to announce it has been selected as a winner of a 2020 Sustainable Communities Award for exceptional work in Energy. The awards honour and celebrate the most innovative environmental initiatives in cities and communities across Canada.

Town of Raymond Electrical Net Zero Project

Raymond is one of the 11 municipalities from across the country chosen by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for their outstanding efforts in one of nine categories: asset management, brownfields, climate change, energy, neighbourhoods, transportation, waste, water and a new category in honour of GMF's 20th anniversary.

Winners will each deliver a live, TED-talk-style presentation on their projects at FCM's virtual Sustainable Communities Conference – held on October 20-22, 2020. Recipients in each category are also eligible for the Inspire Award, given to the most creative and innovative project following the conference.

The [announcement](#) was made earlier today by FCM.

“Local solutions—scaled up—deliver major national impact, like economic growth and the emission reductions Canada needs to meet its climate change goals. Whether it is through improved energy efficiency, fewer greenhouse gas emissions or stronger local infrastructure, local governments get the job done efficiently and cost-effectively because they connect solutions to local needs and local realities. This year's [FCM Sustainable Communities Award winners](#) embody those principles of sustainability and collaboration. Moreover, they exemplify how municipal innovation can have concrete impacts and deliver for Canadians.”

Bill Karsten, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

“The Town of Raymond has a proud 20th-century pioneer history and we are pleased to be able to carry that tradition into the 21st century. By securing a carbon-free power source to offset our entire municipal operations, we have improved fiscal certainty in our budgeting processes as well as helping us become more environmentally sustainable in our operations. Raymond is

incredibly proud to be Canada's first Municipality to become net-zero electrically. Looking beyond election cycles, securing our future, and positioning Raymond for continued success long after our time on Council has passed.”

Jim Depew, Mayor, Town of Raymond

The Sustainable Communities Awards is an initiative of FCM’s Green Municipal Fund (GMF), a \$1 billion program, delivered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada.

Additional information:

FCM’s [Green Municipal Fund](#)

FCM’s [Sustainable Communities Conference](#)

FCM’s [Sustainable Community Awards](#)

The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) (FCM) unites more than 2,000 local governments representing more than 90 percent of Canadians in every province and territory.

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