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Cities Partner to Offer Rebates for Low Flow Toilet Replacements

Abbotsford, May 1, 2009 – The City of Abbotsford and the District of Mission have teamed up to encourage residents to go green when considering bathroom renovations.

The cities are offering a rebate of \$50 for each toilet replaced with a new, ultra-low flow model. The rebate covers a maximum of two toilets for residential dwelling.

“Toilets account for about one-third of the water used in an average home,” says Abbotsford Mayor George W. Peary. “By offering this program the cities hope to reduce the costs associated with sewer and water use in both communities.”

“It costs money to treat the water coming in and out of your house, so using less water per flush will conserve our water source and save us all money in the long run,” says Mission Mayor James Atebe. “I encourage all residents to take advantage of this program when they do their renovations this summer.”

Older toilets use 13 to 20 litres of water per flush. This adds up to more than 30,000 litres more per year than a 6.0 litre low flush toilet. The new 6.0 litre toilets are made to perform better and conserve water.

The rebate is available for all detached single-family homes built prior to September 30, 2005. Homes must receive water from the municipal water system (i.e. no residences serviced by private wells or residences within the Clearbrook Waterworks District). Limited funding is available for this program so applicants will be treated on a first come first served basis until the funding is exhausted. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2009.

To qualify for a rebate the registered homeowner must provide proof of purchase and installation of an ultra low flow toilet. Ultra low flow toilets must be CSA or Warnock Hersey Certified as 6.0 litres or less per flush and have a performance rating of at least 250 grams of solid waste removed per single flush.

The toilet must have been purchased and installed after April 1, 2009. The rebate is not retroactive before April 1, 2009. Old toilets must be dropped off at the Abbotsford/Mission Recycling Depot (33670 Valley Road) by Abbotsford residents and the Mission Recycling Depot (7229 Mershon Street) by Mission residents. Old toilets will

be crushed and recycled as landfill cover material. There is no charge for dropping off old toilets.

Applicants need to fill out the rebate application form available online at www.abbotsford.ca/engineering and www.mission.ca or at Abbotsford and Mission City Hall, community recreation facilities and local hardware stores. Application forms must be accompanied by receipts for each new fixture, maximum of two per household, dated after April 1, 2009 and specifying the manufacturer's name and fixture's model number. Rebates take approximately six weeks to process.

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