



NEWS RELEASE

Green Fleet Management Plan Receives Funding

ABBOTSFORD – November 24, 2017 – The City of Abbotsford has received \$57,600 in funding from the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and \$12,000 from the Fraser Valley Regional District for a Municipal Green Fleet Management Plan announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

The City of Abbotsford is completing a Municipal Green Fleet Management Plan to align service fleet vehicles with the City's overall goal to reduce GHG emissions by 20% by the year 2025, and 40% by 2040, as outlined in the City's Official Community Plan.

The City's fleet consists of approximately 600 vehicles, which includes passenger cars, police cars, pickup trucks, vans, SUVs, dump trucks, plows, loaders, graders, refuse trucks, cranes, backhoes, forklifts, generators and fire engines.

The transportation sector is the largest source of emissions for the City and is, therefore, the greatest opportunity for the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Abbotsford's fleet is already making progress on reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing vehicle idling times, rightsizing the fleet, vehicle maintenance, efficiency standards in procurement and adopting alternate fuel vehicles on a pilot basis.

The fleet management study will define how the City can demonstrate a 20% reduction in GHG emissions, and set out directives towards the 2040 goal of reducing GHG Emissions by 40% from the 2007 GHG emissions levels. The study will also serve as a resource for future planning and enable the City to define targeted goals for conservation by establishing more efficient, well-designed and cost-effective systems.

The Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program is a new five-year, \$75-million program designed to encourage Canadian municipalities to better prepare for and adapt to the new realities of climate change as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The program is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada.

Quotes:

"The MCIP program will help the City of Abbotsford plan for greener transportation infrastructure in a smart, sustainable fashion with the goal of not only cutting CO₂ emissions but also improving the overall quality of life of its citizens. The clean growth approach utilized here will improve Abbotsford's economy, strengthen its middle class and further beautify this great city."

*Jati Sidhu,
Member of Parliament for Mission — Matsqui — Fraser Canyon*

"The City of Abbotsford is very grateful to be one of the municipalities receiving funding from the Municipalities for Climate Change Innovation Program as well as from the FVRD. This program allows municipalities across

the country to plan and implement smart solutions for a changing world. As a City, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact in order to build a sustainable future.”

*Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

Associated Links:

FCM News Release – Municipalities to receive funding for 103 infrastructure initiatives across Canada - <https://www.fcm.ca/home/media/news-and-commentary/2017/municipalities-to-receive-funding-for-103-infrastructure-initiatives-across-canada.htm>

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