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Mount Pearl Secures Federal Funding to Advance Economic Development and Environmental Initiatives

MOUNT PEARL, NL – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced today that the City of Mount Pearl has been awarded over \$145,000 in funding to support the advancement of strategic economic development and environmental initiatives.

Under the Green Municipal Fund, the City of Mount Pearl has been awarded \$20,400 to support the completion of a feasibility study on the proposed A1Next location, the site of the old Mount Pearl Swimming Pool on Stapleton Road. The Green Municipal Fund is designed to support highly innovative and impactful municipal environmental projects that go beyond standard practice.

“A1Next was more than a challenge, it was the beginning of a transformation for our City,” said Mayor Dave Aker. “This funding allows us to continue this process by assessing both the practicality and long-term social and economic benefits of our A1Next Innovation Park vision.”

The City of Mount Pearl has also been awarded \$125,000 from the FCM’s Climate Change Staff Grants initiative. The City applied in partnership with nine other municipalities across the province, who will each benefit from a 10-week staff assignment, dedicated to the development of a community climate change plan. Together with the Town of Bauline, Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove, Town of Bay Bulls, Town of Burin, Town of Marystown, Town of Eastport, Town of Dover, Town of Centreville-Wareham-Trinity and the Town of Indian Bay, the City of Mount Pearl will take undertake this important work. The Climate Change Staff Grants are offered through the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP), delivered by FCM and funded by the Government of Canada.

“This is another great example of how, by working together, we can begin to solve some of our municipal challenges,” said Mayor Aker. “None of our communities can realistically budget for a full-time executive position dedicated to climate change; however, combining our resources and applying together, we have secured funding that enables us to build our community climate change plans.”

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