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### DAWSON CREEK REWARDED FOR GREEN PLAN

DAWSON CREEK – For the second year running, the City of Dawson Creek has been recognized as one of BC’s most innovative green cities at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention held in Penticton.

Premier Gordon Campbell presented a Green City Award to Mayor Calvin Kruk for the City’s demonstration of leadership and innovation in sustainability for cities with a population 10,000-25,000. Along with the recognition, the award comes with a \$50,000 cheque.

“It’s great to have the community recognized for the hard work being done,” says Emanuel Machado. “To win two years in a row reinforces the fact that we are following through on our plans and continue to innovate as we move forward.”

Since winning the 2007 Green City award the city has progressed by:

- nearing completion of community-wide component of the Community Energy Plan using the same process for calculating municipal-wide operations impact. A series of recommended actions will form the basis for ongoing energy work for 2008;

- completing Phase II of the Sustainability Planning Project. Phase II developed a ‘sustainability baseline’ which identified all of the City’s current initiatives and how they were or were not contributing to overall sustainability, and identified 10 key categories in which the city should be moving forward. The city is currently moving forward with Phase III which includes plans to address gaps in the 10 sustainability areas identified to date;

- adding solar hot-water systems on the RCMP building, airport, public works yard and Sudeten Hall; and

- completing the green buildings policy which includes strategies to reduce energy use, ensure green procurement, and improve health.

The province also recognized the partnership between the City of Dawson Creek and West Moberly First Nation with a grant of \$20,000 to develop solar hot-water systems and other solar initiatives.

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