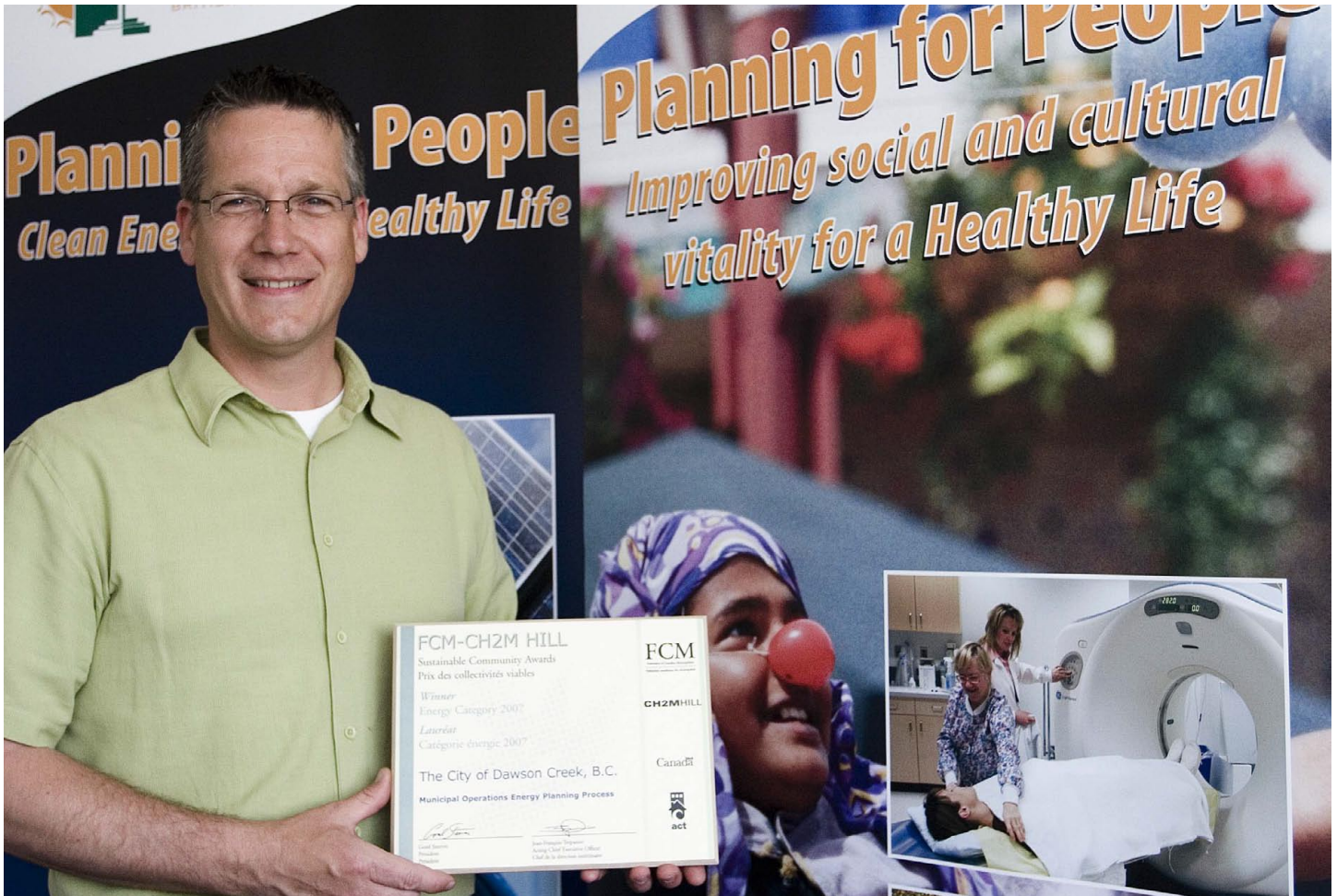




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DAWSON CREEK CAPTURES NATIONAL AWARD



Mayor Calvin Kruk accepted the 2007 Sustainable Community Award for Dawson Creek's Community Energy Plan on June 2 at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' 70th Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ held in Calgary.

DAWSON CREEK, BC—The City of Dawson Creek captured national recognition for its Community Energy Plan (CEP) that is part of its Sustainable Dawson Creek initiative.

The FCM-CH2M HILL Sustainable Community Award was presented on Saturday, June 2 at a recognition ceremony held at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) 70th Annual Conference and Municipal Expo™ in Calgary.

The Awards recognize municipal leadership in sustainable community development and give national recognition to projects that demonstrate environmental excellence and innovation in service delivery.

"We are extremely proud that Dawson Creek is winning national recognition for our local initiatives," says Mayor Calvin Kruk. "Everyone who has contributed including residents, community leaders and City staff should be proud of what has been accomplished over the last few years."

Beginning in January 2005, Dawson Creek undertook an energy planning process designed to make municipal operations more environmentally and financially sustainable. With the assistance of the Pembina Institute, the city completed a baseline report to assess the current state of energy consumption

in its buildings, infrastructure and vehicle fleet and formulated a CEP for the community.

Practical application of the first phase of the CEP has helped the city meet its sustainability goals. The installation of low-voltage, high-pressure sodium streetlights has reduced electricity consumption by 100,000 kWh annually, and has saved the city \$14,400 per year.

Solar hot water system installations at several municipal buildings offset approximately 60 GJ of natural gas and 3.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions annually.

The new green vehicle purchasing policy has led to a more sustainable municipal fleet that produces eight fewer annual tonnes of greenhouse gases and will save the city over \$15,000 per vehicle every five years.

The second phase of the CEP will look at energy consumption on a community-wide scale including residential and business usage in the municipality.

“FCM congratulates the 2007 Sustainable Community Awards’ winners,” said FCM President Gord Steeves. “These projects spotlight municipal governments that are leaders in sustainable community development. They demonstrate practical, innovative solutions to secure the environmental, economic and social well-being of Canada’s communities.”

For more information about the City of Dawson Creek’s Energy Plan and the Sustainable Dawson Creek initiative go to www.planningforpeople.ca.