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**Five Northwest Municipalities Successfully Complete First Stage of Global Covenant of Mayors for  
Climate and Energy**

**Edmundston, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Canada (ICLEI Canada) extended their congratulations to the communities of Edmundston, Haut-Madawaska, Rivière-Verte, Saint-Léonard and Saint-Quentin for their completion of the first phase of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) program, integrating municipal greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories in a joint database managed by FCM and ICLEI Canada. More than 10,000 municipalities around the world are GCoM signatories.

This project was initiated by the member municipalities of the Northwest Regional Service Commission (CSRNO) in 2018 when the organization became the first association of GCoM signatories in Canada during the Global Covenant of Mayors Canada Showcase Cities pilot project. The Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB), a partner in the project, supported the initiative from the very beginning by sharing the expertise of its team.

"The AFMNB applauds the leadership of the Northwest's communities that have engaged in the fight against climate change by joining GCoM. These municipalities participated in the Canada-wide Partners for Climate Protection program and continued their efforts by completing the first phase of this important international climate program. Through their efforts, these five municipalities are positioning themselves as models for advancing local climate action", said Michel Soucy, President of the AFMNB.

Adrian Prado, Territorial Analyst for the CSRNO further states: "The proactivity and initiative of Northwest communities in the face of the climate emergency has allowed for this first phase to be completed. While we still have a lot of work to do, we can be proud of the participation of municipalities in our small corner of the country in Canada-wide and international initiatives such as the GCoM."

"I would first like to thank the municipalities that have agreed to participate in the Global Covenant of Mayors Canada Showcase Cities pilot project. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by the employees of the CSRNO and AFMNB", said Jean-Pierre Ouellet, President of the CSRNO and Mayor of the rural community of Haut-Madawaska.

The CSRNO intends to continue its involvement in this initiative with the help of its municipal and community partners to achieve the objectives of the adaptation component over the next few years.

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