



Sustainable Peterborough: A Case Study

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Municipal Context

3 levels of municipal government:

City (Single Tier/ Separated)

County (Upper Tier)

8 townships (Lower Tier)

Asphodel-Norwood, Cavan-Monaghan, Douro-Dummer, Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Otonabee South Monaghan, and Smith-Ennismore- Lakefield



Municipal Context

Joint Services:

Social Services

Social Housing

Provincial Offenses

Ambulance

**Greater Peterborough Economic
Development Corporation***



Municipal Context

**Close working relationship,
especially between the City and
the County:**

Waste Management

Transportation Planning

Prosperity Round Table

International Plowing Match

Various Boards and Committees

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Sustainable Peterborough

- * Established in response to community initiative
- * Inaugural steering committee held February 26, 2008
- * **Launched research project to determine local indicators of sustainability**
- * **Led to establishment of Sustainability table for Prosperity Round Table initiative**



Sustainable Peterborough

- **Series of Community Workshops:**
 - Sustainable Community Planning Workshop, Sept. 26, 2008
 - Transportation & Energy Workshop, Nov. 13, 2008
 - Natural & Cultural Heritage Workshop, Jan. 13, 2009
 - Sustainable Waste Management Workshop, Jan. 13, 2009
- **Progress report to Joint meeting of City/ County Councils, Dec. 1, 2008**



Sustainability Context: FCM

FCM longstanding champion of sustainability (Centre for Sustainable Community Development, Conferences, Partners for Climate Protection)

Green Municipal Fund: To invest in plans, studies and projects that provide the best examples of municipal leadership in sustainable development and that can be replicated in other communities



Sustainability Context: FCM

Most projects require a
Sustainable Community Plan

A document that establishes a vision for sustainability and demonstrated an integrated systems approach to achieving set targets



Sustainability Context: AMO

AMO is responsible for the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues in Ontario

Over the life of the agreement, AMO requires municipalities to develop or enhance an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)



Sustainability Context: AMO's ICSP

- “ a long-term plan, developed in consultation with community members that provides direction for the community to realize sustainability objectives, including environmental, cultural, social, and economic objectives”
- **Coordinated, integrated, collaborative, engagement**
- Toolkit: sustainability continuum



Sustainability Context: AMO's ICSP

- In current agreement, ICSP can be demonstrated in **Official Plans**
- AMO warns that **“in 2010, however, municipalities must be in a strong position to demonstrate they have made progress towards greater sustainability”**
- our municipalities somewhere between stage 1-2; none have fully embedded as envisioned in stage 3



FCM Application

- City and County governments endorsed proposal to apply for FCM Green Municipal Fund
- **To develop a Community Sustainability Plan for the City, County, townships and the community, with an environmental focus**
- City as Lead Municipality
- GPA-EDC as Lead Applicant



FCM Application

- will expand Steering Committee to include Township representation
- Propose involvement of 2 local First Nations
- **Community partners include: Trent University, Fleming College, COIN, Green-up, Kawartha Heritage Conservancy, Prosperity Round Table**



FCM Application

Stages:

- Inventory of existing plans and initiatives
- Community research
- Community Engagement with meetings in all political jurisdictions at all stages (4 rounds)
- Extensive information sharing (including web-based social networking tools)



FCM Application

Deliverables include:

- County-wide sustainability vision
- Sustainability goals, targets and indicators
- Tools and resources for decision-makers
- Alignment of plans and actions
- Evaluation strategy



FCM Application

Focus:

- Reduced energy consumption
- Enhanced water quality & controls
- Improved strategies for land-use planning (concentration, transportation)
- Expanded waste management initiatives
- Enhanced promotion of county-wide culture & natural heritage



FCM Application

Knowledge Sharing:

- Process for **integrated holistic regional plan, multi-jurisdictional**
- Address both **urban and rural sustainability issues**
- Adoption of a **sustainability lens to promote sustainable economic development**



FCM Application

Implementation:

- **City, as lead municipality, adopts plan and associated targets**

Other municipalities and First Nations adopt vision and buy-in as applicable and appropriate

Community education and engagement critical to level of buy-in and success



FCM Application

- **\$451,000 project (direct & in-kind):**
- **Requesting \$200,000 from FCM**
- \$80,000 City direct contribution
- \$8,000 Community Foundation
- \$79,000 other sources
- \$84,000 in-kind contributions



FCM Application

Timetable:

- County endorsed March 18/09
- City approved April 13
- Intent to Apply sent April 20
- Intent to Apply accepted May 5
- Submitted full proposal July 3
- Revised July 31
- FCM decision in 5-8 months



Next Steps

Once approved:

- **Expand committee**
- **RFP for project consultant**
- **Project launch**
- **18 months**



Next Steps

**If not approved, Regroup/
Refocus:**

**Encourage individual
municipalities to embrace and
apply**

- **City to establish corporate
commitment (internal lens, cross
department committee)**
- **Commit to reduce greenhouse
gases (purchasing, conservation,
LEED)**



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**Thank
you!**



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