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HAT Smart Receives National Award

Medicine Hat – HAT Smart, the City of Medicine Hat’s energy conservation and renewable energy program, has been named the winner of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Sustainable Community award in the Energy category.

The award was presented at the FCM Sustainable Community Awards, held in Victoria, BC on the evening of Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

“This award demonstrates the leadership our city has shown in the area of energy sustainability,” said Ald. Ted Clugston. “This is a huge feather in our cap.”

HAT Smart launched in 2008 with a multi-tiered program providing incentives for residences and businesses to conserve energy, as well as aiding in residential, commercial and city-wide renewable energy projects.

The award nationally recognizes a municipality that demonstrates leadership, innovation and excellence in projects or programs that focus on producing, distributing or conserving energy.

In 2010, HAT Smart was named the Emerald Award winner for environmental excellence in Alberta.

Past winners of the FCM Sustainable Community Award Energy category include the City of Calgary, the City of Toronto and the City of Vancouver.

The awards website is www.fcm.ca/scc.

The HAT Smart website is www.hatsmart.ca

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Note: A media conference call will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 with the City’s Energy Sustainability Manager Russell Smith and Alderman Ted Clugston, who are in Victoria for the awards. Details are available in the Media Notice that was sent with this News Release or by contacting Communications Officer Wilbur McLean.

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