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## Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Awarded Grant to Take Action on Climate Change and Resilience

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's (PCSP) has been granted funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) to create a 2-year employment position for a Climate Change Coordinator. The FCM climate change staff grants initiative helps address staffing gaps and increase our capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change or reduce greenhouse (GHG) emissions.

Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is among 59 communities across Canada benefitting from this initiative. The Town will use the funding to dedicate staff to activities such as climate change adaptation and mitigation plans, creating GHG emission inventories, and adding climate change practices into daily municipal processes. The Climate change staff grants are offered through the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP) delivered by FCM and funded by the Government of Canada.

Councillor Tina Neary states: "We look forward to continuing our commitment to environmental protection in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Whether it's encouraging residents to participate in our no idling initiative, hosting the region's largest Environment Fair, leading a town-wide community clean-up, or planning for the future of climate change; we do our best to encourage environmental thinking in all the town's endeavors. We appreciate the continued support and relationship between PCSP and the FCM, and we look forward to the positive impacts the Climate Change Coordinator will make in our town."

## Further details available through the links below:

- FCM news release
- FCM's Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program

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