

## ONE VISION, MANY VOICES: ENVIRONMENT

- Rural Canada has a close and lasting connection to the land ... we take our stewardship seriously.
- The best ideas about rural Canada come from rural Canadians ... local solutions will play a vital role in the years to come.
- It is important that municipalities develop policies to protect agricultural and environmentally sensitive land ... This includes long-term smart land-use planning to reduce the environmental footprint.
- While technology and policies will play a role ... federal and provincial incentives will help to demonstrate the immediate benefits of increased environmental stewardship.
- Equitable funding needs to be in place for rural service needs such as regional water and sewer infrastructure.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The eight environmental priorities of rural Canada:

1. Develop incentives for stewardship practices
2. Develop and adopt environmentally supportive policies
3. Reduce emissions through technology
4. Practice water conservation
5. Create effective policies and legislation to protect the environment
6. Develop local solutions
7. Develop efficient solid waste strategies
8. Develop rural solutions for rural Canada