

PRESS RELEASE

DAUPHIN PLAINS CREDIT UNION GOES 'GREEN'

Dauphin--The Dauphin Plains Credit Union has made a commitment to the residents of the City and Rural Municipality of Dauphin and the community of Gilbert Plains by providing funding to the Dauphin and District Community Foundation for a new environmental fund.

Ron Hedley, the General Manager of the Dauphin Plains Credit Union, and Edwin Meyer, President of the Dauphin Plains Credit Union Board of Directors, made a joint statement in which they want to enrich the environment for the people of Dauphin and backed that up with a cheque for \$5,000 to kick-start the fund.

“This ties in beautifully with our seventh co-operative principle, which calls on us to work for the sustainable development of our communities, through policies approved by our members,” Meyer said.

Over the short term the Dauphin Plains Credit Union will make yearly donations to increase its fund in the Foundation to \$25,000 along with increasing its stake in the Gilbert Plains Community Fund to \$5,000.

Long Term the Dauphin Plains Credit Union is committed to increasing its fund in the Dauphin Foundation to \$50,000 and \$10,000 in Gilbert Plains. To date this is the largest corporate donation to our Foundation.

In addition to the monies being endowed with our Foundation, the Dauphin Plains Credit Union has purchased an environmentally friendly 2008 Malibu Hybrid which it will be offering to organizations such as the Dauphin and District Community Foundation, Dauphin Community Economic Development and Tourism, and other such organizations in the Dauphin area requiring a vehicle from time to time.

At the kick-off BBQ held by the Dauphin Plains Credit Union today, in addition to the cheque presentation, all proceeds realized from the BBQ will also be remitted to the Dauphin and District Community Foundation – Dauphin Plains Credit Union “Green” Fund.

“I think we all agree that we can accomplish much more when we work together and this partnership between the Credit Union and the Community Foundation is an excellent example,” Ron Hedley said.

The Dauphin Plains Credit Union invite anyone that may be interested in helping with the environment to feel free to contribute to this fund. Some of the ideas tossed about briefly would see spending these funds on parks, walking paths, bike trails, tree planting, etc. The environment is what is important at this point and the grant money will focus on that primarily.

The Dauphin & District Community Foundation is proud to be associated with the Dauphin Plains Credit Union in this endeavour and congratulate them for their vision of going green in a crucial time in our environmental future.

“Support of our corporate citizens is vital to ensuring the longevity and success of our Foundation,” Frank Shwets, President of the Dauphin and District Community Foundation, said.