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## **City of Austin receives Excellence in Teamwork Award from CGMC**

ST. PAUL—The City of Austin was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for its excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Teamwork Award is given to the elected officials and city staff from CGMC member cities who worked together to promote CGMC goals and priorities over the past year.

Led by Mayor Tom Stiehm and City Administrator Craig Clark, both of whom also serve on the CGMC Board of Directors, the city of Austin has long been one of the CGMC’s most active and engaged member cities. In April, Clark, Stiehm and staff from the Public Works Department organized a successful press event at the city’s water treatment facility to highlight the need for an increase in Local Government Aid (LGA), which was the CGMC’s top legislative priority. In addition, Austin city leaders have been extremely involved in efforts to increase state funding for important grant and loan programs that help cities across the state pay for critical clean water infrastructure projects.

“Involvement from our member cities is what makes the CGMC strong, and the city of Austin is a prime example of why our organization has been able to achieve a lot of successes over the years,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “The elected officials and staff in Austin are always willing to go above and beyond to help advance the issues that are important to Greater Minnesota communities.”

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing 97 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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