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Eveleth City Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek, Council Member Brad Hadrava receive Excellence in Service Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Eveleth City Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek and City Councilor Brad Hadrava were recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for their excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to city leaders who demonstrate knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas over the past year.

Hadrava and Monahan-Junek played key roles in helping to advance legislation to increase funding for Local Government Aid (LGA), which was the CGMC’s No. 1 priority this year. Monahan-Junek strengthened the case for an LGA increase by putting together detailed information about the uses and need for LGA in her city. Her information proved vital to helping guide the LGA discussion at the Legislature. Hadrava provided critical testimony at a legislative committee hearing where he spoke in favor of a bill to boost LGA. He explained to legislators how increased LGA will help his city and others across the state address the need for capital improvements and keep up with rising costs.

“Jackie and Brad are two reasons why we were able to achieve a \$30 million increase in LGA this session,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “They both rose to the occasion by providing key information and testimony that helped make the case for why the state’s investment in LGA is an investment in strong communities. By sharing examples of how LGA impacts their city, they helped lawmakers understand the real-world importance of LGA.”

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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