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Ely Mayor Chuck Novak receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—Ely Mayor Chuck Novak was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 25 during the Coalition’s three-day summer conference in Bemidji for his 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.

Mayor Novak has long been a tenacious advocate for his community and other Greater Minnesota cities. A well-known presence at the State Capitol, he regularly makes the trek to St. Paul to meet with lawmakers to garner support for key CGMC priorities such as Local Government Aid, broadband expansion and rural economic development. In addition, he is a fixture at CGMC events, rarely missing a conference or lobbying event.

“Chuck is the CGMC’s secret weapon during the legislative session – everyone at the Capitol knows him,” said Ron Johnson, a member of the Bemidji City Council and president of the CGMC. “He is always willing and eager to do whatever it takes 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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