Halton Hills launches Green Development Leadership Awards

As a leader in sustainability, in 2014, Town of Halton Hills Council put in place a flexible and innovative set of Green Development Standards.

The Standards are designed to maximize development's many positive attributes while minimizing its potentially negative impacts. This is being accomplished by improving energy and water efficiency, waste management, resource use and community design of new development.

To date, over 400 residential units and about 120,000 square metres of non-residential development are in the process of implementing the Green Development Standards and sustainable development features.

To celebrate and recognize the leadership demonstrated by developments that implement the Green Development Standards, the Town has launched the Green Development Leadership Awards. This

new municipal award program will support implementation of the standards, recognize development industry leaders and help raise market awareness of the benefits of high-performance sustainable development.

Mayor Bonnette said: "Development, whether residential, commercial or industrial, can make a significant contribution to the sustainability and wellbeing of our community. This includes improving energy and water efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, addressing climate change and designing our neighbourhoods to be more walkable. The Green Development Leadership Awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognize industry leaders that are making a valuable contribution to the sustainability of Halton Hills."

Awards will be granted in two categories:

Award of Achievement: Awarded to projects that have achieved the minimum number of points to comply with the Standards, without third-party verification.

Award of Excellence: Awarded projects that have exceeded the minimum number of points by at least 20%. have confirmed compliance postconstruction with third-party certification

and have demonstrated excellence or innovation in development. Nominations can be submit-

ted by anyone, including the development industry, consultants, residents, community associations, industry associations, suppliers, Councillors and staff. Self-nominations are acceptable.

The 2016 deadline for submissions is June 24, 2016. The

> application process straightforward. complete details, please visit: www. haltonhills. ca/sustainability contact the Office of Sustainability. Apply today.

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Development Leadership Awards advance many of the Town's key strategic objectives, including those of the Strategic Plan where sustainability is a Council priority, Official Plan, Community Sustainability Strategy and the Mayor's Community Energy Plan. Together, these objectives are contributing to the economic prosperity, environmental health, cultural vibrancy and social well-being of Halton Hills.

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets— Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval— and several smaller settlements.

Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto.

The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national maga-

For further information and to apply for an award, please visit http://www.haltonhills. ca/GreenBuildingStandards/ Award.php





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