

Acton library opens and gets \$1.8M loan

The Town is receiving more than just accolades for the Acton Library— at the special opening gala evening FCM handed over a \$1.98 million in a combined loan and grant.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) awarded the Town under its Green Municipal Fund, a \$180,800 grant and a \$1,808,000 in an interest-free loan to go towards the Acton Library, which was built to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

Joanne Ross-Zuj, Township of Centre Wellington Mayor and member of the National Board of Directors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Michael Chong, MP for Wellington-Halton Hills, made the presentation at a gala evening at the new library Friday.

“FCM’s Green Municipal Fund offers a range of resources and services that specifically address the sustainable community development needs of municipal governments,” said Ross-Zuj. “The financing and knowledge provided by the Fund supports the development of communities that are more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.”

“The Government of Canada is assisting municipalities across the country in achieving their goal of a cleaner and healthier environment for Canadians through the Green Municipal Fund,” said Chong. “Today’s announcement is another example of how our government— in partnership with FCM— is helping Halton Hills build a greener future for our

citizens.”

The new 850 sq m (9,000 sq ft) facility features a geothermal climate system with a ground-source heat pump that takes advantage of the building’s design to maximize the use of daylight for heating and cooling. Other energy efficiency measures include air-tight envelope construction, thermally efficient exterior walls, a perimeter-to-glazing ratio of 50 per cent, light sensors, and energy recovery ventilation units to capture the energy from outgoing air.

The town has landscaped the site to reduce its heat-island effect. Water conservation measures include bioswales (landscape elements to manage stormwater runoff) as well as water-efficient toilets and fixtures. The new building also includes bicycle storage and employee shower facilities to promote bicycle commuting.

“The Town of Halton Hills appreciates the support of the Green Municipal Fund for the construction of a new Acton branch of our public library system,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette. “The new building’s energy-efficiency and water conservation measures will result in significant operating cost and greenhouse gas emission reductions. For example, the town estimates the new Acton branch will obtain minimum annual energy savings of 46 per cent by comparison with a Model National Energy Code for Buildings reference building. This will produce green benefits the residents of Halton Hills will notice in their environment and in their pocketbooks.”

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On hand for the cake-cutting of the new Acton library Saturday were, from left, library user Sybay Weaver, 10; Director of Library Services Jane Diamanti, Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, Halton Hills Public Library Board chair Jay Jackson, Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong and Acton Councillor and library planning committee member Jon Hurst. (Below) The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) awarded the Town under its Green Municipal Fund, a \$180,800 grant and a \$1,808,000 interest-free loan to go towards the Acton Library. On hand for the cheque presentation were FCM board member Joanne Ross Zui, Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, Vice Chair of the Halton Hills Public Library Board, Frank Loreto, Bonnette and Chong.

Photos by Jon Borgstrom



structure grant also helped the financing of the \$3.5 million library, which is now a fully accessible facility offering local residents more borrowing materials, larger study and reading areas, increased Internet access, and more multi-purpose programming space.

The governments of Canada and Ontario each contributed over \$1.1 million towards this

project. The Town of Halton Hills contributed the balance.

“This library is a place where residents can learn, be entertained or gather with others to take part in community activities,” said Chong. “This fully accessible building will be a great cultural resource for members of this community and help foster life-long learning for decades to come.”

“The Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Library is a wonderful facility in a great location. It is open and accessible to everyone and provides a unique setting that combines nature and learning with the latest technology,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette. “Acton now has a new meeting place, a point of civic pride for decades to come.”

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