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GEO FOUNDATIONS RECEIVES FIRST LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM HALTON HILLS

HALTON HILLS, ON – GEO Foundations Contractors Inc. located in the Acton Industrial Park, is the first recipient of a Landscape Improvement Grant under the Town's Community Improvement Program (CIP). The grant was used in conjunction with the expansion of the business that saw the company add 5 acres to their site and 3,000 sq. ft. to the building.

The CIP has been described as a "tool box" of programs that encourages local businesses to make investments in their properties. Initially the program was restricted to specific areas in Halton Hills and provided funding for façade and building rehabilitation. In 2016, the Landscape Improvement Grant was offered for the first time.

The Landscape Improvement Grant provides a 50% grant for eligible work to a maximum of \$12,500. To be eligible, properties must be located in either the Acton or Georgetown Industrial Parks. Items covered under the grant include costs of fencing, landscaping and planting; both new buildings and existing properties qualify for the program.

"I am pleased to see GEO Foundations expand in Acton and the enhanced landscaping provides a beautiful buffer between the roads and the neighbours," said Mayor Bonnette. "This project clearly demonstrates the value of the CIP and I invite other industrial business owners to consider making improvements to their properties."

The CIP grants for 2017 total \$150,000.00 resulting in over \$322,000 of direct investment in the community with other applications still pending. Applications may be submitted at any time providing that funds are available.

"GEO Foundations has been growing at almost 20% per year and we were looking for other locations outside of Halton Hills. However, with invaluable assistance from the Town we were able to purchase 5 acres adjacent to our property. That help continued through the site plan and building process. The landscape grant was very welcomed to complete all the site works and we are very proud of our expanded new facility," stated Todd Edmunds, President.

For more information about the CIP, contact the Economic Development Office at 905-873-2601 x 2353 or edo@haltonhills.ca

About GEO Foundations

GEO Foundations Contractors Inc. moved to Acton in 2004 and has grown rapidly since then. Today the company employs 130 people with sales of over \$45 million dollars per year. More changes are coming in 2018 as the company is renamed Keller and the Acton location becomes the Canadian head office.

As a leading specialty geotechnical construction firm, Geo-Foundations provides a full range of ground engineering techniques and solutions, related to earth retention, foundation support, ground improvement, and ground treatment.

Built on a reputation of safety and quality, Geo-Foundations sets the standard for performance and innovation through our commitment to the integration, implementation, and further development of advanced technologies for specialized geotechnical construction. With technical excellence, and teamwork at our core, we deliver projects safely, on budget and on schedule.

Offering a wide range of services, including design-build packages, Geo-Foundations meets the needs of our clients by providing comprehensive cost effective solutions to the most complex problems.

About the Town 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 magazine.

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