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Town of Halton Hills Wins National Municipal Environment Award

On May 29, 2013, at its national conference in Victoria, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators recognized the Town with the prestigious 2013 National Municipal Environmental Award for the Town's "Sustainability Implications Worksheet" in the 20,001 to 100,000 population category.

The Award recognizes the innovation and administrative excellence demonstrated by the Town in implementing the Sustainability Implications Worksheet. The Worksheet builds on the Green Plan by facilitating a more complete analysis of how staff recommendations impact sustainability, hence enabling Town Council to make more informed decisions.

"In 2007, the Mayor's Green Plan Task Force prepared the Town's first ever Green Plan in response to global challenges such as climate change, and the need to act locally. With its 70 practical recommendations, the Green Plan has translated into measurable results for our community.

The Sustainability Implications Worksheet builds on the success of the Green Plan and is one more example of the many practical actions that continue to be taken by the Town as we strive to improve sustainability and quality of life throughout Halton Hills.

It is very rewarding to have the Town's actions recognized at the national level. I am very proud of the Town having been recognized with CAMA's National Municipal Environment Award." - said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Upon accepting the Award on the Town's behalf, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. David Smith, noted: "The Town of Halton Hills is committed to sustainability and improving quality of life. Our Sustainability Implications Worksheet is a significant achievement and a practical demonstration of our commitment to environmentally sustainable governance."

The Sustainability Implications Worksheet weighs the benefits and costs of alternative courses of action, providing Council with information related to environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing. The Worksheet is completed in six steps. Upon completion, staff formulate their comments under the "Sustainability Implications" section of staff reports. The worksheet and corresponding amendments to the staff reporting template is a practical and fully transferable tool to other municipalities. It can be implemented immediately and reap tangible results.

More details on the Sustainability Implications Worksheet are available here:

www.haltonhills.ca/calendars/2011/PDS-2011-0003.pdf

CAMA's Environment Award recognizes the commitment of a municipality to environmentally sustainable governance, to protecting the environment and to combating climate change. Awards are granted to programs, projects or services that have made a significant and positive impact on the environment.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives is available via:

- Website: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/ImagineHH or @ImagineHH
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ImagineHaltonHills

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