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Town wins prestigious award for energy conservation leadership

HALTON HILLS, ON – On August 18th, at the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Town was one of only three Ontario municipalities to receive the Community Conservation Award from the Ontario Power Authority.

Speaking about the Community Conservation Award Mayor Rick Bonnette said:

“I am very proud of the Town being recognized for our commitment to

sustainability and energy conservation leadership. We have accomplished this by implementing many energy conservation actions that follow the PAREE Principle. This means actions that are practical, affordable, reasonable, educational and enforceable. Currently, we are nearing completion of the Mayor’s Community Energy Plan which will provide a blueprint for actions that encourage energy conservation and greenhouse gas emission reductions.”



The Award celebrates the Town’s leadership and innovation in energy conservation, and creating a culture of conservation through corporate and community engagement. For example, the Town has recently approved Green Development Standards that apply flexible criteria to raise the energy efficiency and performance of new development. In addition, the Town has a Corporate Sustainable Building Policy for its own facilities and a Community Sustainability Strategy that emphasize energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and efficient land use planning. The Award also recognizes the efficient construction techniques incorporated into new Town facilities, specifically the library in Acton which is a highly efficient LEED™ Gold certified building.

The Town of Halton Hills demonstrates leadership in energy conservation by working closely with Halton Hills Hydro and by participating in various Ontario Power Authority programs.

More information about the Town's energy conservation and sustainability initiatives is available at www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability. A video highlighting the Town is available on the Ontario Power Authority website at <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/opa-conservation/community-conservation-awards>

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 the 2013 recipient of the National Municipal Environmental Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and is ranked as one of the Top 5 small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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