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Library's sustainable library cards shortlisted for Minister's Award for Innovation

HALTON HILLS, ON – The Halton Hills Public Library's introduction of sustainable library cards has been selected for the shortlist of Ontario public libraries vying for a prestigious provincial innovation award.

Today, the Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Sport released the shortlist of Ontario public libraries vying for the Minister's Award for Innovation.

The Minister's Award for Innovation recognizes successful new approaches that demonstrate a positive impact in a community and are of continued value to public libraries.

The Halton Hills Public Library pioneered a series of sustainable library cards. The cards, available in two attractive designs, are made from Nordic Birch wood harvested from sustainably managed forests and are 100 per cent PVC free.

"I am thrilled that the Library has been shortlisted for this prestigious award" said Geoff Cannon, Director of Library Services. "Environmental initiatives are important to the Library and the community. From our two LEED certified buildings, to our collections on living green, sustainable wooden library cards provide the public with another green option."

Mayor Rick Bonnette added, "Congratulations to the Library staff who met the challenge of finding additional ways to illustrate our commitment to sustainable practices. This is a significant accomplishment."

The cards are manufactured by [Sustainable Cards](#), the world's leading wooden card manufacturer specializing in the most earth-friendly cards in the industry. Produced using small amounts of energy (30 per cent less energy than plastic cards) and without hazardous chemicals or additives in the process, the library's new cards are the greenest cards available.

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The award winner will be announced during the Ontario Library Association Conference (February 1 to 3) 2017.

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