

# Town of Halton Hills Green Development Leadership Awards Application Guide



## Background:

Building on its award-winning Green Development Evaluation Checklist, in April 2014, Town Council approved a new set of Green Development Standards. These Standards put in place a highly flexible set of criteria that are anticipated to materialize in more sustainable, high-performance and efficient development. The Standards are designed to maximize development's positive attributes, while minimizing potentially negative impacts.

The Standards were carefully designed to maximize benefits to residents, building occupants, the Town and builders/developers. Anticipated benefits include:

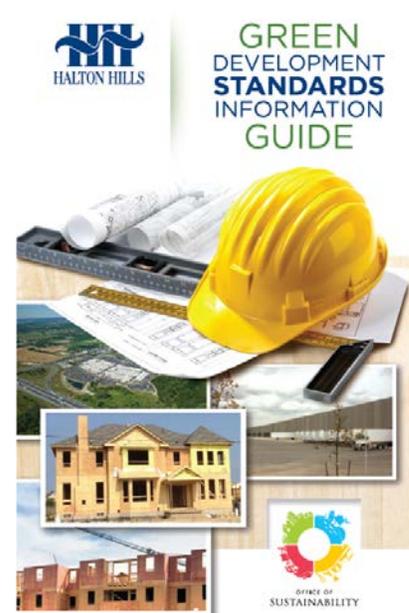
- Reduced long-term home/building/business operating costs;
- Energy and water conservation;
- Improved community design;
- More active transportation;
- Efficient infrastructure use;
- Stormwater management;
- Implementation flexibility;
- Marketing advantage for the applicant;
- Efficient resource/material use;
- Lower greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Improved communication and awareness.

The Standards advance many key Town objectives and priorities, including those of its Strategic Plan, Official Plan, Community Sustainability Strategy and Mayor's Community Energy Plan – contributing to the economic prosperity, environmental health, cultural vibrancy and social well-being of Halton Hills.

The Green Development Leadership Awards celebrate and recognize leadership demonstrated by developments that comply or exceed the minimum point requirements of the Green Development Standards.

The number of awards presented will be determined by the Town based on the number and quality of submissions received.

The Awards are presented each October by Town Council.



## **Award Categories:**

The Green Development Leadership Awards are granted in the following two categories:

1. **Award of Achievement:** Projects that have achieved the minimum number of points required to comply with the Standards, based on the applicable development type.
2. **Award of Excellence:** Projects that have exceeded the minimum number of applicable points by at least 20%, have confirmed compliance post-construction via third-party certification, and have demonstrated excellence in applying innovative approaches to development. Innovation may be at the local, regional, national and/or international levels.

## **Eligibility:**

To be considered for the Town of Halton Hills Green Development Leadership Awards, a project must meet all of the following eligibility criteria at the time of the submissions:

- Project is located within the Town of Halton Hills.
- Project is substantially completed and occupied.
- Project is one of the development types that are subject to the Green Development Standards:
  - Low-Rise Residential: Single detached, semi-detached, duplex and townhouse development containing 4 or more lots or dwelling units up to 3 storeys in height.
  - Low-Rise Non-Residential: Non-residential development up to 3 storeys, larger than 100 square metres.
  - Mid to High Rise: All residential apartment buildings and all non-residential buildings 4 storeys in height or higher.
- Although expansions, renovations, retrofits and adaptive reuse of existing buildings are generally not eligible as they are not subject to the Green Development Standards, such projects that demonstrate significant innovation and leadership in sustainable high-efficiency development may be considered at the Town's sole discretion.
- Landscape work must be substantially completed and accessible to visitors.
- Applicant is in good standing with the Town.
- Interior design projects that are neither visible nor accessible to the public are not eligible.
- Completed and signed Nomination Form received by the deadline.

## **Nomination Submission:**

- Nominations can be submitted by anyone, including builders, developers, project consultants, architects, planners, engineers, landscape architects, residents, community associations, approval authorities (e.g. Conservation Authorities), industry organizations/associations, suppliers, trades, Town Councillors, and Town and Halton Region staff.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Developers/builders may nominate their own projects.
- Nominations require the submission of:
  - Nomination Form
  - Site Plans or drawings
  - Pictures
- There is no limit on the number of projects that may be submitted. However, each requires a separate Nomination Form.
- Completed applications must be received by the **last Friday of June by 4:30 p.m.**

- Applications may be submitted electronically (preferred method) via e-mail to [sustainability@haltonhills.ca](mailto:sustainability@haltonhills.ca) or in paper copy addressed and delivered to:

**Development Leadership Awards:**

Town of Halton Hills  
Planning and Infrastructure  
Office of Sustainability  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills ON L7G 5G2

**Judging Panel:**

Submissions to the Town of Halton Hills Green Development Leadership Awards will be evaluated by a committee that may be composed of:

- Mayor or Council delegate(s)
- Executive Director of Planning Services and Chief Planning Official
- Manager of Sustainability
- Manager of Development Review
- Chief Building Official
- Manager of Parks and Open Space
- Economic Development Officer
- Representative(s) of the development/building industry.

The composition of the Judging Panel may be adjusted at the Town's discretion.

**Questions:**

If you have any questions or need assistance in submitting your Award application, please contact the Office of Sustainability, located in Planning and Infrastructure at: 905.873.2601, ext. 2289 or [sustainability@haltonhills.ca](mailto:sustainability@haltonhills.ca)

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