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Mayor's Green Plan Task Force Receives Award

HALTON HILLS – On May 9, 2009, Credit Valley Conservation recognized the Town's commitment to environmental leadership. This recognition took place in the form of a "Friends of the Credit Award - Certificate of Merit" which was presented to the Mayor's Green Plan Task Force. The Certificate of Merit recognizes the Task Force "for the development of a 17-stakeholder Green Plan Task Force to create a collaborative plan for municipal and community environmental protection."

Speaking about the Award, Mayor Bonnette said:

I think that I speak for all of Council when I say we are proud of the fact that we were able to strike a multi-stakeholder Task Force that was able to quickly and effectively develop the Town's first Green Plan.

The Green Plan's 70 recommendations have set the Town on a path towards sustainability. They have created significant momentum for us to implement practical initiatives that will make the Town a model sustainable community.

We thank the Credit Valley Conservation for their recognition of the Town's and the wider community's sustainability efforts.



The Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards recognize significant contributions to the health of the Credit River Watershed. They recognize that the health of the Credit River depends on help from community groups, corporations, landowners and residents. The awards are presented on behalf of the CVC Board of Directors. Nominations are open to individuals, landowners,

community groups, small businesses, corporations, municipalities and agencies. Eligible projects include restoration projects, events, publications, education programs, conservation land/easement donations and environmental policy. For more information, please visit: www.creditvalleycons.com.

The Green Plan Task Force



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BACK ROW: Councillor Dave Kentner, Councillor Clark Somerville, Dan Guatto (Halton Hills Hydro), Bruce MacLean, (Director of Planning), Wayne Scott (TEAC), Damian Szybalski (Policy Planner and Project Assistant), Councillor Jon Hurst -- FRONT ROW: Councillor Joan Robson, Councillor Jane Fogal, Leslie Adams (P.O.W.E.R.), Mayor Rick Bonnette, Sue Walker (Chamber of Commerce), Christine Upton (H.O.P.E.), Emily Dimytosh (Christ the King High School), Dennis Perlin (CAO) -- ABSENT: Mike Cote (Neilson Dairy), Lorna Wilson, (Halton Federation of Agriculture)

About the Green Plan

Having received unanimous final Council approval in June 2008, the Green Plan provides a basis to guide the Town and the community on developing and implementing future "green" strategies and actions.

The Green Plan reconfirms the Town's commitment to environmental protection and enhancement. In addition, the Plan establishes Halton Hills as a community of leaders, not followers, demonstrating that the Town was, is and remains committed to ensuring that it is proactive rather than reactive in protecting and enhancing the environment. The Green Plan is focused on actions that are "PAREE" or Practical, Affordable, Reasonable, Enforceable and Educational.

For more information on the Town's sustainability initiatives including a copy of the Green Plan, please contact Damian Szybalski at 905.873.2601 ext. 2289 or at damians@haltonhills.ca. Electronic copies of the Green Plan are available at: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability.