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The Green Energy & Green Economy Act, 2009

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Overview

Ontario's much-anticipated *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*, S.O. 2009, c. 12 ("GEA") finally became law upon receiving Royal Assent on May 14, 2009. The GEA primarily seeks to remove barriers and promote opportunities to accelerate the growth of renewable energy projects across the province. Other legislative goals include advancing the adoption of energy conservation and efficiency measures in public sector institutions as well as in the broader public. The provincial government is hoping that the cumulative effect of the statute will result in the creation of thousands of "green collar" jobs, encourage billions of dollars of private sector investment, and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change.

The GEA creates new legislative provisions largely dealing with energy conservation and efficiency measures while also proposing changes to 20 other statutes, including the *Electricity Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. A, *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23, *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19 and the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13.

Given the amount of media attention the GEA has received, one can be forgiven for believing that the entire provincial land use planning process has been overturned in order to achieve a greening of Ontario. In fact, the specific land use planning amendments proposed to the *Planning Act* are relatively narrow and focused.

These proposed amendments to the *Planning Act* exempt renewable energy projects from any municipal or land use planning control, including official plans, zoning by-laws, site plans and the requirement to enter into development agreements. The revisions to the *Planning Act* remain proposed amendments – they still require proclamation by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on a date to be named in order to have full effect. Moreover, the land use implications of renewable energy facilities will be governed by regulations – drafts of which have yet to be produced. Adding to the uncertainty is the question of whether the transition regulations for the GEA will make its application (including any exemption from the *Planning Act*) retroactive.

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2009 Professional Development Conference



CACPT Professional Development Conference LIUNA Station, Hamilton, Ontario, October 16, 2009

The Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians is proud to be presenting an informative day of heritage, restoration and preservation development planning topics from a superb lineup of municipal, provincial and private sector speakers with an afternoon of technical and design workshops.

The 2009 CACPT Professional Development Conference will be held on **Friday October 16, 2009** in Hamilton, Ontario. Conference highlights include discussions on the Heritage Act, Heritage development and tour of downtown Hamilton's many fine conserved and restored heritage buildings.

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Our speakers and workshops include:

- Eileen Costello, Aird and Berlis LLP, **Discussions on the Heritage Act**
- Dr. Sharon Vattay, Associate, Goldsmith Borgal & Company Ltd. Architects, **"But, that old building is in the way": Creative planning solutions for heritage structures**
- Dr. Norman Pearson, Norman Pearson and Associates, CACPT Registrar and Life Member and One of Founders of the Bruce Trail
- John S. Ariens, Mike and David Valvasori, Meghan House and Alana Mullaly, **Panel Discussion on Heritage Development**
- Doug Heidebrecht, **"Managing Me" - Workload Management**
- Jamie Shipley, **Equilibrium - CMHC Energy Efficiency**
- Ken Coit, **Tour of Heritage Buildings**

We are very excited to have LIUNA Station as the venue where delegates will have the opportunity to spend this learning and networking day in a designated Heritage Site which is an outstanding example of heritage renovation and reuse.

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2009 Professional Development Conference

A Brief History of LIUNA Station:

LIUNA Station is located at 360 James Street North in Hamilton, Ontario. Built as the Hamilton CNR Station, this building was constructed in 1929-1931, and served as a rail passenger station until 1993. The new CNR station was designed in a Neo-classical style, and construction began in 1929 and the first passenger train left on February 20, 1930. The official opening was held a year later on May 27, 1931. After 62 years in service the station closed in 1993 and remained unused.



In 1996, it received a million dollar renovation for the film A Long Kiss Goodbye. The Labourer's International Union of North America (LIUNA) then purchased the station and spent \$3 million for additional renovations. In 2000 the station was reopened as LIUNA Station. Today the station is developed for mixed use; housing rental halls, beautiful gardens and offices. Future plans are to rebuild a GO Train platform as part of the Metrolinx Transportation Plan.

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The Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009

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Legislative History of Bill 150

Bill 150 was given First Reading and carried in the Legislative Assembly on February 23, 2009. The Bill proceeded to Second Reading debate on February 24 to 26 and March 2, 3, 9 and 11, 2009. On March 11, 2009 Bill 150 carried after Second Reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on General Government which held public hearings to consider the Bill in Toronto (on April 6, 8, 20 and 22) and in London (April 14), Ottawa (April 15) and Sault Ste. Marie (April 16). Third Reading of Bill 150 was ordered on April 30, 2009, and took place on May 5 and May 11-14, 2009. The Bill was given Third Reading and received Royal Assent on May 14, 2009.

Overview of the Statute

The GEA is comprised of an introductory section which addresses legislative formalities and twelve schedules which contain the substantive content of the legislation. Eleven of these schedules include provisions which amend, repeal or enact existing legislation, such as the *Electricity Act, 1998* (Schedule B) and the *Planning Act* (Schedule K).

Schedule A, labeled the *Green Energy Act, 2009* (as distinct from the legislation's full legal name – *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*) is where most of the new provisions dealing with energy conservation and energy efficiency measures in the public sector are located (sections 6-10). Other notable provisions address energy audits for individual home buyers (section 3), and the empowerment of Cabinet to designate goods, services and technologies exempt from legal requirements (including municipal by-laws), if they have favorable energy conservation characteristics (section 4).

There are two points of general application worth noting: first, many of the individual provisions in the GEA, including all amendments made to the *Planning Act*, will not take effect until they are proclaimed on a date to be named by Cabinet; and second, many observers have noted how much of the legislation empowers the Cabinet and/or a particular Minister, to make regulations or directives which specify how particular provisions of the GEA will be implemented. The result is that much of the content of the GEA will come to fruition as the government of the day sees fit.

In an excellent summary of Bill 150, Bruce Banting, a solicitor with the City of Guelph, has commented as follows:

Although the *Green Energy Act, 2009* is the principal substantive component of the Bill, it is to a large extent a mere framework. This framework will enable the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) to make regulations setting out detailed rules relating to energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy projects and renewable energy sources. Unless and until such regulations are brought into effect, the Act will have little impact ...

Despite the nature of much of the legislation as a "mere framework" there are important new definitions contained in subsection 1(1) of Schedule A which are referred to in numerous amendments made by the GEA to existing legislation, including the *Planning Act*:

- "renewable energy source" is defined as an energy source that is renewed by natural processes and includes wind, water, a biomass resource or product, solar energy, geothermal energy, tidal forces and such other energy sources as may be prescribed by the regulations, but only if the energy source satisfies such criteria as may be prescribed by the regulations for that energy source

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- “renewable energy project” means the construction, installation, use, operation, changing or retiring of a renewable energy generation facility
- “renewable energy generation facility” is a generation facility that generates electricity from a renewable energy source and that meets such criteria as may be prescribed by regulation and includes associated or ancillary equipment, systems and technologies as may be prescribed by regulation, but does not include an associated waste disposal site, unless the site is prescribed by regulation for the purposes of this definition
- “renewable energy testing facility” means devices or structures to be used to gather information about natural conditions at the location of the structures or devices and related infrastructure and that meet such criteria as may be prescribed by the regulations

Amendments to the *Planning Act*

The GEA will have a number of important consequences for land use planning in Ontario. The primary changes will be accomplished through amendments made to the *Planning Act* by Schedule K of the GEA. The general effect of these provisions is to exempt renewable energy projects from municipal and planning authority control and oversight.

The proposed amendments to the *Planning Act* include:

- “renewable energy undertaking” is added to the definitions in subsection 1(1) and is defined as a renewable energy generation facility, a renewable energy project, a renewable energy testing facility or a renewable energy testing project
- new clauses 50(3)(d.1) and 50(5)(c.1) exempt renewable energy projects or renewable energy generation facilities from the subdivision and part lot control provisions of the *Planning Act* provided that any entitlement to a renewal does not exceed 40 years
- subsections 3(5) and (6) of the *Planning Act* only apply to a renewable energy generation facility or a renewable energy project in connection with decisions, comments, submissions and advice relating to other provisions of the *Planning Act* that apply to the facility or project
- official plans do not affect renewable energy projects pursuant to subsection 62.0.2(1)
- subsection 62.0.2(5) provides that demolition control by-laws made under section 33 of the *Planning Act* do not apply to renewable energy undertakings
- by-laws or orders made under the Land Use Control provisions in Part V of the *Planning Act* (including zoning, interim control and site plan control) do not apply to renewable energy generating facilities or renewable energy projects pursuant to subsection 62.0.2(4)
- regulations and by-laws passed under section 70.2 (development permit system) do not apply to renewable energy generating facilities or renewable energy projects by virtue of subsection 62.0.2(8)
- subsections 62.0.2(9) and 62.0.2(10) provide that by-laws passed or orders made under sections 113 or 114 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c. 11, Sched. A (zoning and site plan control

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respectively), or an order made under section 17 of the Ontario *Planning and Development Act, 1994*, S.O. 1994, c. 23, Sched. A (ministerial zoning and minor variance powers), do not apply to renewable energy generating facilities or renewable energy projects

Other Amendments Impacting Land Use Planning

While the proposed amendment to the *Planning Act* would have the most significant and direct impact on land use planning decision-making, the GEA proposes changes to other legislation that may also have consequences on land use planning.

Schedule "F" would amend the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993*, S.O. 1993, c. 28, to require Ontario's Environmental Commissioner to identify municipal by-laws (among other sources) which result in restricting the development of energy conservation measures relating to the use of electricity, natural gas, oil, propane or transportation fuels, and to report on such obstacles on an annual basis to the provincial legislature (sub-clause 58.1(2)(c)(ii)).

The *Conservation Authorities Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27, is amended by Schedule L. If a person requests permission under section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* for development related to a renewable energy project, a conservation authority or executive committee appointed by a conservation authority is not allowed to refuse permission or impose conditions unless it is necessary to control pollution, flooding, or erosion of dynamic beaches (subsection 28(13.1)). This provision came into force on May 14, 2009, the date the GEA received Royal Assent.

Schedule G proposes amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act* by adding a new section on environmental approvals for renewable energy. A person engaging in a renewable energy project is exempt from specified approval and permit requirements so long as it can demonstrate that there is a small likelihood of serious and irreversible harm to plants, animals and humans caused by the project (section 47.1). In effect, this new regime sets a low threshold to avoid more onerous permitting requirements since most renewable energy facilities do not have "serious and irreversible" impacts on their environments; such projects often have nil to marginal air pollutant emissions requirements – in contrast to non-renewable coal and natural gas plants – and have smaller land "footprints" relative to conventional energy facilities (among other favourable environmental characteristics). This amendment would have dire consequences for landowners and other parties wishing to challenge the construction of renewable energy projects (the NIMBYs), since they will be hard-pressed to make a case that many of these projects should not go forward or be subject to more stringent permitting requirements, based on the test that the legislation sets out.

Conclusion

The GEA will effectively eliminate municipal and planning authority control and oversight over any renewable energy generating facility or renewable energy project once amendments made to the *Planning Act* and other land use related legislation are declared in force by Cabinet. The province hopes that by exempting such projects from planning and land use controls, Ontario will accelerate its transition to a "green" economy. While public opinion for environmental measures in recent times has been supportive, it remains to be seen how a removal of local governmental control and accountability over planning for renewable energy projects will be received.

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McLennan Bike Park - Kitchener, ON

"As a Planning Technician with IBI Group, I have been working for the past 2 years on a Park Development project for the City of Kitchener for the design and development of a recreational 'Extreme Bike Park' situated on a former landfill site in McLennan Park, Kitchener.

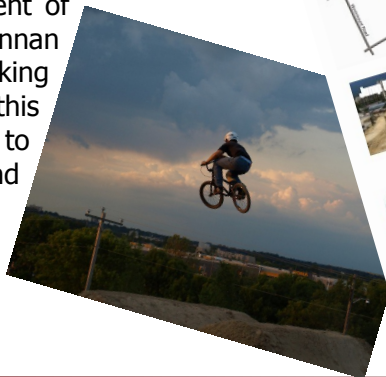
Through public consultation with special interest groups, the public, City staff and drawing on my personal background we were able to design a progressive Bike Park that is unique to Southern Ontario.

The City of Kitchener Parks and Recreation department were initially approached by a local cycling group who advocated the need for a legitimate facility within the City where they could practice freestyle biking. After agreeing that the park would be a good idea, there were concerns about using a volunteer base to design and develop a major City park. Like other major projects, the City released a Request for Proposal for the design work to local consulting firms, which was ultimately awarded to IBI Group's Kitchener Office. After a public consultation process with biking enthusiasts, local residents, ideas from the original cycling group and drawing on my own personal background in the sport, we began detailed design work using AutoCAD Land Desktop and Civil 3D software to produce a complete set of engineering drawings and construction details for the unique gravity fed courses. Working with IBI Group's in-house Landscape Architecture and Engineering departments who provided the necessary resources to produce the final design package which was then released for Construction Tendering in the Fall of 2008. The park features a range of track types, with each course featuring beginner, intermediate and advanced skill levels.

In addition to our consultation and detailed design work, our IBI Group team have also overseen construction inspection and prepared a maintenance manual for the unique facility. Since its completion in the Summer of 2009, the park has had plenty of use by a wide range of cyclists from extreme BMX and MTB to recreational cyclists looking for an increased challenge. It has also resulted in a fair amount of media coverage, spills and thrills.

It was enjoyable working on a project that incorporated a sport I have been involved with for over 15 years and seen grow tremendously in the past few years. With the experience gained in the development of Kitchener's McLennan Park, we are looking forward to offer this service again to other Cities and Municipalities! "

Article written by Chris Dewar



McLENNAN BIKE PARK 901 OTTAWA STREET SOUTH, KITCHENER



The bike park design consists of four dedicated courses - a 4x track, a pump track, a free ride course and dirt jump park. The courses offer a wide variety of features that will appeal to BMX and mountain bikers of all ages.

The jump park features three independent lines for riders of different skill levels. Each course has a series of roll jumps and rollers. The beginner level course is 20m (66ft) long and has a grade change of 10%. The intermediate course is 12m (39ft) long and has a grade change of 10%. The advanced course has a grade change of approximately 12m (39ft).



The 4x course is a dirt bike course that uses a series of rollers and drops. The 12m (39ft) course has a grade change of 10% and a maximum velocity of 100 km/h. The 12m (39ft) course has a maximum velocity of 100 km/h and can be navigated by intermediate riders in a race format and can be navigated by professional riders.

This single track course features traditional wheel components such as skidbars, cones and bungees. The goal is to allow riders to practice without momentum. The 12m (39ft) course has a grade change of 10% and a maximum velocity of 100 km/h.

The 12m (39ft) course is a dirt based course that features light bamboo cones, cones and bungees. The goal is to allow riders to practice without momentum. The 12m (39ft) course has a grade change of 10% and a maximum velocity of 100 km/h. The 12m (39ft) course can be used by riders of all ages and skills.



British Columbia News

The 2009 BC Land Summit - CACPT was there!

The 2009 BC Land Summit - A Better Future: Adapting to Change was an interdisciplinary conference organized by six professional organizations (see below), all of whom share ties to land use in British Columbia and who will combine their 2009 annual conferences into this exciting joint venture. CACPT was an exhibitor; this was an exciting opportunity to showcase our organization and its members.

Ann Edwards our BC Council Representative attended the Summit in Whistler, BC on May 20-22, 2009 and coordinated the exhibit on behalf of CACPT. She was joined by Lynn Strathdee who recently retired from The City of Victoria who helped to staff the exhibit during the summit. In lieu of gifts to thank all the presenters, the BC Land Summit made a donation to the Whistler Community Services Society, in support of the Whistler Food Bank program.

The conference was very successful – there were more than 800 delegates, exhibitors, speakers and volunteers there. The presentations and seminars were interesting and varied and the setting and weather was great. I have attached a couple of pictures of Lynn and I at our display booth which was in a great location and we got lots of interest. I hope some new applications have resulted.

Ann Edwards



Ann Edwards is on the left hand and Lynn Strathdee is on the right hand side



Organizers of the Summit

- British Columbia Association Appraisal Institute of Canada
- British Columbia Institute of Agrologists
- British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects

PRESENTS:

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Thank you to Ann and Lynn for their dedication and work in helping to promote CACPT in British Columbia!

May 20th-22nd, 2009
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The 2009 BC Land Summit will be an interdisciplinary conference organized by six professional organizations, all of whom share ties to land use in British Columbia and who will combine their 2009 annual conferences into this exciting joint venture. The 2009 BC Land Summit will build on the success of the 2004 BC Land Summit in Vancouver, and will provide opportunities to learn, share ideas, collaborate and network with others working in diverse land-related fields. Mark your calendars, and be sure not to miss this exciting conference opportunity!

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Alberta News

Alberta Municipal Affairs offers a "Municipal Internship Program for Land Use Planners". This program could be of interest to our membership. Please visit <http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/ms/internship/> for additional information. *NOTE: January 29, 2010 is the deadline to submit your intern application package.*

In June I attended a meeting regarding the new Rural Land Use Planning major being developed by Olds College. Also in attendance were members of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. It was a very interesting meeting and Olds College has significantly advanced the development of the new program since CACPT was initially involved in reviewing more preliminary materials and drafting a letter of support for the program. In reviewing the additional information provided, it appears all of the CACPT recommendations will be addressed within the current program framework. These recommendations include:

- ensuring proficiency in CADD and GIS applications;
- providing an understanding of planning legislation; and
- developing subdivision design skills.

While the college is focused on providing a Diploma program at this point, there is a consideration of possibly offering a degree program in the future. It is interesting to note that the college is working with the University of Lethbridge to coordinate a "2+2" program, where Olds College diploma graduates could obtain two years of credit from the University of Lethbridge in order to obtain a planning degree in two years. This would potentially be a BA Degree in Agriculture with an area of concentration in planning.

There is currently a great opportunity for CACPT to continue to support this program. Olds College is seeking advice as it continues to build it's course framework. At this time the college is working to complete it's 1st year curriculum and intake began September 2009. CACPT Council

is reviewing the program and course information and will be providing comments. In addition, we are working to provide a survey to our members to obtain their input regarding the critical skills and knowledge which should be considered in this program.

..... a note from Greg.

Dear Members,

The City of Edmonton's Planning Academy courses provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in Edmonton and courses are scheduled for this fall from September through November. This affordable way to learn more about planning, especially in an Edmonton context, also provides participants who complete the three core courses and one elective course with a Certificate of Participation.

The Core courses are as follows:

- Land Use Planning: The Big Picture
- Getting a Grip on Land Use Planning
- Come Plan with Us: Using Your Voice

The Elective courses include:

- Transportation
- Urban Design

Find out more at: http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/planning_development/planning-academy.aspx.

Regards, Greg MacKenzie, CACPT Alberta Representative



Equilibrium™ Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative

Equilibrium™ is a national Sustainable Housing Demonstration initiative, led by CMHC, that brings the private and public sectors together to develop homes that combine resource and energy-efficient technologies with renewable energy technologies in order to reduce their environmental impact. Fifteen home-building teams have been selected to build Equilibrium™ demonstration projects across Canada, and, these projects will be open for public tours.

Please checkout the website to find more information regarding a project near you.

<http://www.cmhc.ca/en/inpr/su/eqho/>



NOTE FOR MEMBERS IN THE EDMONTON AREA



2009 CMHC Research Conference True Stories: Sustainability in Action
Equilibrium™ Housing Forum — November 2 – 4, 2009 — Edmonton, Alberta

The Now House™

The Now House™ is a 60-year-old wartime house in an established neighbourhood in Toronto, Ontario. The house was retrofitted with the latest healthy, energy-efficient and sustainable features and technologies.

The goal of **the Now House™** project was simple and profound: to demonstrate how home owners and contractors can dramatically improve the energy efficiency of existing homes with a few relatively simple modifications.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation was founded in 1946 in large part to help create affordable housing for returning second world war veterans. The Now House™ evolves this uniquely Canadian brand of "hearth and home" by updating a CMHC designed postwar house in accordance with today's Equilibrium™ principles of healthy indoor environments, energy and resource- efficiency, and low environmental impact.

Improvements made to this modest 60-year-old home included upgrades to the insulation, new windows, the installation of solar hot water panels, a photovoltaic array, Energy Star® certified appliances, and a waste water heat recovery system.

The result is a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a healthier, more energy-efficient home. In addition, because wartime houses were often built in clusters, **the Now House™** model could easily be scaled up from a single demonstration house to hundreds of thousands of similar homes across the country. **There are currently five wartime houses in Windsor that are being retrofitted for energy efficiency with the assistance of the Now House team.**

By setting out a blueprint for the environmental retrofits of Canada's wartime homes, Now House™ is the start of a truly ambitious project.



CACPT is proud to have workshops on The Now House™ at our Conference on October 16, given by Jamie Shipley, CMHC's Ontario Region Equilibrium Specialist.

COGS Awards Banquet - April 29, 2009



Lawrencetown Campus, Annapolis Valley Campus Centre of Geographic Studies, Nova Scotia

The 2009 Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians Excellence Award was awarded to Mandy Burgess. Congratulations Mandy!

Photos from the Awards Dinner



Mandy receiving the award from Mark Herbert. Faculty COGS



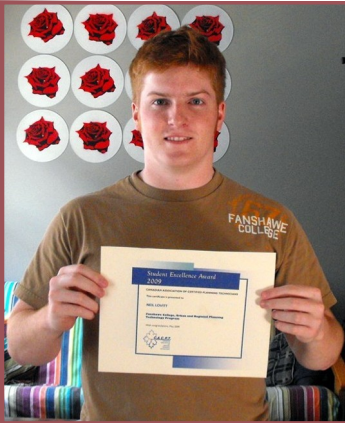
Remaining photos and information can be found at <http://www.paulillsley.com/cogs/awards2009/>

Atlantic Association of Planning Technicians held a workshop in June, 2009. CACPT sent materials to be distributed to delegates at the workshop.



2009 College Award Recipients

Fanshawe College 2009 Award of Excellence Recipient



Neil Lovitt was also a CACPT Student Council Representative for 2008/2009 and is our Facebook representative.

Langara College CACPT Top Student Project Award

Vadim Litovchenko received the award for his stunning project proposals for "Sustainable Planning Options for Marine Drive in Vancouver". Vadim is an international student (from Russia) and notes Brian Riera, Program Coordinator "which makes his work all the more extraordinary"

Vadim is continuing his studies in Urban Planning in Montreal.



Mohawk College, Urban and Regional Planning, GIS program CACPT Planning Graphics Award

Lindsay Goncalves, presenter Diane LeBreton



2009 Grads on their last day of class with some projects in the background

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To obtain information about the conference visit
<http://www.niagarafalls2009.ca/>

2009 Merit Award Nominations

There is still time to submit an entry for our 2009 Merit Awards. The deadline is October 2.

This is an opportunity for you or your firm to be recognized for excellence in the profession.

Information regarding the awards:



Eligibility Criteria

- Any member may submit an application if they have played a substantial role in the project.
- Any member may nominate another member and project for this award.
- All entrants must certify that the client and/or employer is aware and supportive of the submission for the award.

For student members, submissions must be accompanied by a letter from the supervising faculty supporting the project and its originality.



Judging Criteria

The project and/or the person:

- That shows high level of technical knowledge.
- Significant contribution to technical works.
- Consistent professional attitude and assistance to others .



Categories

- **Geomatics Award:** Given for best project in GIS, Topography, or Cartography.
- **Reports or Studies:** Given for reports pertaining to all fields of planning.
- **Design:** Given for designs prepared in any field of planning.
- **Social Services/Environmental Field:** To recognize projects or work done in the social or environmental fields such as health agencies, school boards, conservation authorities and non-governmental agencies.
- **Utility/Energy Field:** To recognize efforts and projects completed by members in the energy or utility companies.
- **Technical Employer:** To recognize employers who show support for CACPT, certification, membership, professional development, volunteerism, and/or promotion of Planning Technicians within their organization.

Forms can be found on the CACPT website, http://www.cacpt.org/merit_awards.php



If you have any announcements or items of interest for our next newsletter, please forward them to Diane LeBreton at director@cacpt.org

Welcome and Congratulations to all of our New & Upgraded Members!

New & Upgraded Full Members

Mardi Turgeon, Projection Development Manager, Bluestone Properties London, ON
Nicholas Duszczyszyn, Transportation Technician, Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation, ON
Mike Perrin, Planning Technician, Korsiak & Company, ON
Josh Mueller, GIS/Planner, City of Brooks, AB
Kevin Van Lierop, Faculty/Research Associate, Langara/U. of Western Ontario, ON
Chris Underwood, Electrical Technician, Fugro Airborne Surveys, ON
Adam Hukye, Planning Technician, Township of West Lincoln, ON
Danielle Stevens, Planning Technician I, City of Hamilton, ON
Mark Brulotte, Planning Technician, AECOM, AB
Richard Walker, Planning Technician, Town of View Royal, BC

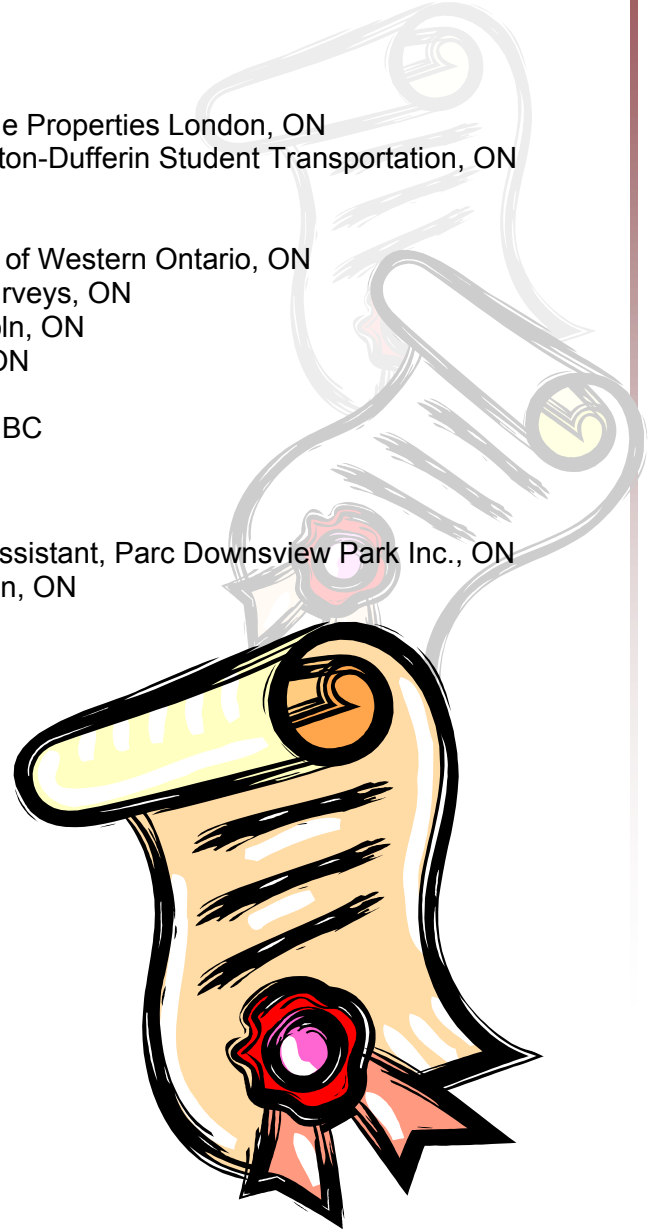
New & Upgraded Associate Members

Leslie Dahonick, Operations and Planning Administrative Assistant, Parc Downsview Park Inc., ON
Steve Geng, Development Service Advisor, Town of Caledon, ON
Ingar Jensen, Planner, Town of Collingwood, ON
Steven Salayko, ON
Jeff Watson, ON

New Student Members

Julia Dykstra, Student, Langara, BC
Vadim Litovchenko, Langara, BC
Mandy Burgess, COGS, NS

**As of July 14, 2009



New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Greg and Lyndsay MacKenzie on the arrival of Norah Holly MacKenzie, born August 28, 2009.

Congratulations to Ann Edwards, our BC rep, on becoming a grandmother to Hannah Victoria Mary Edwards, born May 8, 2009.



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