Caledon wins two OPPI Excellence in Planning Awards

The Town of Caledon Development Approval and Planning Policy (DAPP) Department has announced they are the recipients of two awards from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI).

The OPPI Excellence in Planning Awards recognize excellence in innovation, creativity, professionalism, problem-solving and communications in planning.

The report, entitled Caledon East Community Improvement Plan: an Innovative Tool to Promote Healthy Lifestyles, which was prepared in collaboration with the Town of Caledon, MMM Group Limited and Region of Peel Public Health, won in the Municipal Statutory Planning Studies, Reports and Documents category. The Town took the award in a second category, OPPI and Heart and Stroke Foundation's Healthy Communities Award.

Andrea Bourrie, president-elect of OPPI, presented the two awards at the Dec. 9 Town council meeting. Staff from Peel Public Health and MMM Group Limited were also on hand to receive the award with the Town.

?On behalf of council, I congratulate the staff of our Development Approval and Planning Policy Department,? Mayor Allan Thompson declared. ?I am very proud of our staff and their work in promoting healthy lifestyles within the Town.? OPPI is a recognized voice of the Province of Ontario planning profession with over 4,000 members who work in government, private practice, universities and not-for-profit agencies in the fields of urban and rural development, community design, environmental planning, transportation, health, social services, heritage conservation, housing, and economic development.