

LEED Gold recognition goes to new Caledon OPP building!



Project Manager Sherry Brake and Katelyn McFadden of the Town's Public Works Department were on hand for Tuesday's presentation, along with Mayor Marolyn Morrison, Deputy CAO Ron Kaufman, Caledon OPP Community Services Officer Constable Brenda Evens and Operations Manager Staff Sergeant Mike Garant. Also present were Councillors Doug Beffort, Gord McClure, Richard Paterak, Allan Thompson, Richard Whitehead, Patti Foley, Rob Mezzapelli and Nick deBoer. Photo by Bill Rea

The Town has announced that it has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for the new Caledon OPP detachment building on Innis Lake Road.

LEED, a third party rating system, is recognized as the international mark of excellence for green buildings in more than 132 countries, according to the Canada Green Building Council. Green buildings reduce waste, are more energy efficient and often result in healthier and more productive indoor environments.

Sherry Brake, project manager with the Town, made the announcement at Tuesday's Town council meeting, calling it "very exciting news."

Mayor Marolyn Morrison agreed, observing this is a very hard standard to achieve. "You led the project and you did an outstanding job," she told Brake.

To meet LEED certification, the new detachment offices feature six carpool spaces and four high efficiency vehicle parking spots; Forest Stewardship Council certified wood; a geothermal heating system; a cistern; grey water system; and a white roof which reflects the heat away from the building. The building process also boasted impressive construction waste diversion (87 per cent diverted from landfill); a green housekeeping policy using third party certified products; and drought-tolerant native plantings. To inform the community of the building's environmentally sustainable features and their importance, an educational display has been mounted in the OPP front lobby.

Building green is an important component the Town's overall "green" objectives and commitments, such as the Peel Climate Change Strategy, Corporate Energy Management Plan and Community Based Strategic Plan. It also addresses and exceeds the Town's new Corporate Green Building Standard which requires new Town facilities to meet LEED Silver Certification as well as additional "green building" requirements.