

Town of Caledon featured in prestigious energy report

The Town of Caledon's Community Energy Plan (CEP) project, initiated earlier this year, is showcased in the Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) report entitled Community Energy Planning and Data: An Assessment for Small and Rural Communities in Ontario.

Caledon is recognized for its efforts to better understand and manage local energy needs, and for overcoming the unique challenges involved with initiating a CEP project in a dynamic community comprised of urban, rural and agricultural lands.

"We are proud to share our community energy planning approach, experiences and lessons learned in order to support other municipalities," Mayor Allan Thompson said.

The objectives of Caledon's CEP project are to assess the community's current energy use; identify opportunities for Caledon residents and the municipality to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and consider the impact of future growth on energy use and options for local clean energy generation.

The Province last month identified community energy planning as a key action for municipal governments in its Climate Change Action Plan. The government has allocated up to \$25 million to support such work. The Town was awarded a \$24,000 grant from the Ministry of Energy in November 2015 to undertake community energy planning.

QUEST is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions across Canada.