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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," said Mayor Allan Thompson.

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.

Last month, the province of Ontario identified community energy planning as a key action for municipal governments in its "Climate Change Action Plan" and 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.

About QUEST

QUEST is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions across Canada. With the help of eight provincial and regional Caucuses, QUEST brings together government, utilities and energy providers, the real estate sector, product and professional services, to transform Canada's 5,400 communities into



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Smart Energy Communities. This report provides information and direction to small and rural communities in Ontario for developing community energy plans.

Read the report at www.questcanada.org/files/download/c4bd74bef445d63

About us

The Town of Caledon prides itself on maintaining a balance of community, environmental and development initiatives in the setting of an extensive urban and rural environment. The Town has taken a progressive approach to "green" leadership, working to preserve Caledon's natural beauty through sustainable lifestyles and development. www.caledon.ca/environment

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