

Backgrounder

Highlights of the Preston Auditorium Renovations

Cambridge, Ontario. October 23, 2009...Approximately \$2.4 million worth of renovations are slated for the 37-year-old Preston Auditorium at 1458 Hamilton Street in Cambridge. The investment represents a three way split between the City of Cambridge and the Federal and Provincial governments.

The whole program reflects principles of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) with one of the largest investments to improve accessibility. Highlights of the initiatives include the following estimates for project costs:

Roof replacement - \$446,000
Parking Lot replacement - \$200,000
Accessibility elements including an elevator and vestibule - \$375,000
Restoration of rink refrigeration - \$205,000
Heating/Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) - \$200,000
Electrical upgrades for energy efficiency - \$200,000
Rink board replacement - \$160,000
Misc upgrades including investigating geothermal options - \$814,000

The joint investment by the governments of Canada and Ontario, and the local municipality, will have significant impact on community recreation and is part of a total of \$34.1 million being invested to upgrade local road infrastructure and a variety of municipal buildings.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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