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**For Immediate Release****Engineers without Borders Brings African Leaders to Cambridge**

Cambridge, Ontario. January 12, 2011...A delegation from the countries of Ghana and Malawi in the sub-Saharan region of Africa will visit the City of Cambridge next week as part of the latest Engineers Without Borders (EWB) leadership exchange program.

Cambridge is the only Canadian city of its size that is part of this latest exchange that supports African leaders who are driving development and change in their countries in the areas of water and sanitation, infrastructure and agriculture. The group is in Ontario to attend EWB's 10th annual conference, Kumvana, which focuses on development and capacity building as well as advocacy for change to aid countries in extreme poverty.

"We are pleased to host these prestigious international visitors and share best practices about how we successfully tackle issues in planning, operating and delivering services related to water, wastewater and other vital infrastructure needs," says Ed Kovacs, Commission of Transportation and Public Works.

A small delegation will be in Cambridge on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to meet City representatives in the Transportation and Public Works, Human Resources, Realty Services and Planning Services areas.

"It's hard to imagine that access to clean water and some of the basic necessities of life are things that many struggling countries are still facing," says Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig. "We are proud to be a part of the solution and to partner with Engineers Without Borders and other volunteer agencies to share innovative approaches to help make a difference." In addition to the City's internal engineering expertise, Cambridge is home to a healthy and growing cluster of engineering and related services firms - a total of 837 professional, scientific and technical firms are part of the diverse local economy.

A total of twenty-one delegates from Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi and Zambia who work in government, agriculture, water and sanitation will embark on the leadership program in Ontario and Quebec. The hope is to support knowledge sharing, study opportunities and create meaningful relationships and linkages between African and Canadian leaders. More information on the African-Canadian Workplace Leadership Exchange sponsored by Engineers Without Borders Canada can be found at [www.ewb.ca](http://www.ewb.ca)

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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 2010, the population reached over 130,000 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.

For more information on the area or the corporation visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca)

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