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Infrastructure Renewal through Government Partnerships Cambridge Updates the Community on Progress

Cambridge, Ontario. September 30, 2011...There's been a lot of infrastructure work in Cambridge over the last two years thanks to the multi-governmental approach. Working with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario, Cambridge residents have benefited from over \$21 million in local upgrades.

"In just two short years, a great deal has been accomplished in Cambridge," says Bob Paul Director of Facilities Management and Development for the City of Cambridge. Paul will share the "infrastructure report card" with Cambridge City Council and the community on Monday October 3rd at the regular council meeting.

Between 2009 and 2011, the City enhanced six arenas, two indoor pools, and the main public works facility on Bishop Street. It was a renewal program that was focused on enhancing accessible services for people of all abilities, and took an overall environmental stewardship approach - a track record for which the City is well known. The result was a reduction of 300 tonnes in greenhouse gas pollutants per year.

"We reduced energy consumption at these facilities by 15% through improvements such as insulation, windows, lighting and eco-friendly mechanical systems," Paul notes.

Most notably is the City's first solar power installation at the Transportation and Public Works' operations centre. The solar power generation system was installed on a canopy at the facility that also serves as a shelter for equipment. It was part of the \$4.2 million investment to the facility that also included accessible entrances, an elevator, and improved insulation. The project extends the life of the facility while offering savings to the bottom line.

"The yearly output of solar energy is expected to be 24,841 kWh. That represents an income of about \$17,000 per annum for the municipality," he affirms. From a greenhouse gas emissions perspective, it is a reduction of 4.3 metric tonnes.

Another energy efficient system is the cutting-edge Geothermal project that was undertaken at the W.G Johnson Centre. The new system is pretty

powerful generating heat for some 180,000 gallons of water for the pool, and also heats the showers and supports the cooling systems in the gymnasium.

The report also notes that there were more than 188,000 labour-hours involved in the combined projects which added to local job creation.

For more information, visit www.cambridge.ca and click on the council update link for the agenda and reports for the October 3rd meeting.

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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 advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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