

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre Awarded *LEED<sup>®</sup> Silver Certification***

**HALTON HILLS, ON** - The Halton Hills Library and the Cultural Centre has been awarded *LEED<sup>®</sup> Silver Certification*. LEED<sup>®</sup> stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is presented to qualifying buildings by the Canada Green Building Council to encourage and facilitate the development of more sustainable buildings.

“When we announced this project, we set out to create a building that would not only be practical and a source of community pride, but also in support of the Town’s commitment to sustainability,” said Mayor Rick Bonnette. “This silver LEED certification is validation that we have met our goal.”

The building was assessed in five environmental categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources and Indoor Environmental Quality. The category of Innovation and Design Process was also included. A full score card for the project can be reviewed on the Halton Hills Public Library website at [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca).

“We are honoured to add this distinction to our Georgetown Branch,” added Jane Diamanti, Director of Library Services and Project Lead. “This facility is truly a wonderful example of exceptional environmental efficiency, innovation, and design.”

The Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre officially re-opened its new and renovated 52,800 foot facility in January 26, 2013 to rave reviews. The new building is fully accessible and energy efficient. It maximizes natural light, uses a geothermal system to heat and cool the building, incorporates green construction materials and techniques and conserves water through low flow fixtures.

Reflecting on the announcement, Damian Szybalski, Manager of Sustainability for the Town added, “The Town has a long-standing commitment to thinking globally while acting locally. This has meant taking practical actions that contribute to quality of life and sustainability. This LEED certification is just another example of this commitment as well as the implementation of the Town’s Corporate Sustainable Building Policy.”

### **About the Halton Hills Public Library**

The Halton Hills Public Library provides free access to best-selling books, newly-released movies, music, magazines, eBooks and more. For more information on programs, services, hours of operation and access to the online catalogue, visit [www.hhpl.on.ca](http://www.hhpl.on.ca).

### **About the Town of Halton Hills**

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is the 2013 recipient of the National Municipal Environmental Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

### **About the Canada Green Building Council**

The CaGBC ([www.cagbc.org](http://www.cagbc.org)) is the leading national industry organization advancing green building and sustainable community development practices. It works closely with our member organizations who are involved in the design, construction and operation of buildings and homes in an effort to make every building greener. The CaGBC is the sole license holder for the LEED green building rating system in Canada.

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