



# Eden Mills and District Community Club



## Media Release

### Eden Mills Community Club Awarded \$15,000 grant from Farm Credit Canada

For immediate release

Eden Mills, December 19, 2012...The **Eden Mills and District Community Club** is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 for its Community Hall Energy Retrofit project. The grant will be applied to the cost of a new heating/cooling system, specifically to the purchase of an air-to-air heat pump.

As Canada's leading agriculture lender, **Farm Credit Canada** is committed to advancing the business of agriculture. The FCC AgriSpirit Fund is about making life better for people in rural communities. The Fund contributes to capital projects ranging from playgrounds to fire and rescue equipment.

The Village's pro-active stance on energy issues has been initiated **through Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral**. In fact, since the launch of Going Carbon Neutral in 2007, the **Village carbon emissions footprint (households and public buildings) has been reduced by 22%**. Whereas the Canadian average per capita emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> is 14.2 tonnes, the average Eden Mills resident emits 8 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. (This comparison is based on equivalent CO<sub>2</sub>-producing elements.)

It is the Eden Mills Community Club's intention to lower energy requirements and the carbon footprint of the Hall so that, as fuel prices rise, the Hall doors can stay open for future generations. The Hall will also serve as a model of various energy-saving techniques which can be applied to homes as well as historical buildings.

The Hall energy retrofit project began with a new metal roof installed in 2008. This winter, with the assistance of Ontario's Trillium Foundation, new energy-efficient windows are being installed and the interior of the roof insulated. These steps will reduce heat loss significantly. In the future the walls will also be fully insulated, further reducing energy requirements.

The air-to-air heat pump will use considerably less energy than the current propane furnace to heat the building, as well as providing a more efficient cooling system during the summer months. Several households in the village have installed heat pumps over the past two years and report very good results. The technology of heat pumps is advancing quickly to accommodate Canada's low winter temperatures.

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Eden Mills is in the Eramosa River Valley, just East of Guelph, Ontario. The Community Hall is fully operated and financed by the volunteers of the Eden Mills and District Community Club, although it shares ownership with the Township of Guelph-Eramosa. The Hall Energy Retrofit project is one aspect of **It Takes A Village**, a development and fund-raising plan which also includes the development and landscaping of the Village Square at the Community Hall.

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