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Media Release

“It Takes a Village”

Eden Mills to Address Ontario’s Municipal Leaders

Eden Mills, February 19, 2008...Representatives of the **Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral** project have been invited to make a presentation on Tuesday, February 26, at the annual Combined Conference of ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) and OGRA (Ontario Good Roads Association). The theme of this year’s conference is “**The Municipal Climate: Adapting to Change**” to be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

The lively, multi-media presentation will introduce delegates to the concept of “**Going Carbon Neutral**”. This is the comprehensive approach the citizens of the Village of Eden Mills have adopted to address issues of carbon consumption and sequestration, including methods designed to measure progress, and their approach to involving community in the process. Video of the project launch includes the children of the village singing Linda Hendry’s “Carbon Neutral Anthem.” Charles Simon and Libby Little will speak on behalf of the Eden Mills project.

Chris White, Chair of ROMA and Mayor of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, where Eden Mills is located, close to the northwest edge of the GTA, is excited to include this grassroots initiative in the program. “The Township has been amazed by the ambition, energy and expertise that the Eden Mills organizers bring to this model project. Their collaborations with the School Board, the University of Guelph, business organizations and our municipal council are innovative, instructive and inspiring. I am very proud of the Village of Eden Mills.”

The **OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference** brings municipalities, municipal suppliers, service providers, and Ontario’s government together to discuss the issues facing the ever-changing municipal environment. This year’s conference (February 24-27) closely follows the fall election, providing a first formal opportunity to talk to Ontario’s new government. More than 1500 municipal delegates from across Ontario are expected to attend.

The **Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)** is the rural municipal voice of the Province. The association is an integral part of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The Rural Ontario Municipal Association has, for decades, ensured that matters which affect rural communities are brought to the attention of the provincial and federal governments.

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The mandate of the **Ontario Good Roads Association** (*Working for Municipalities*) (OGRA) is to represent the infrastructure interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training and the delivery of identified services.

The Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral presentation will take place at 9:30 am, Tuesday, February 26 in the Canadian Room at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

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