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Green Toronto Awards – City of Toronto’s Environmental Awards of Excellence winners announced

The City of Toronto announced today 27 Awards of Excellence winners for the 2006 Green Toronto Awards, from among 130 nominations received. Selected by an expert panel of judges for outstanding achievement and contribution to the greening of Toronto, three nominees in each of the nine awards categories are now vying for the title of Green Toronto Award winner.

Winners will be announced at a public reception on Tuesday, May 2 at Toronto City Hall and will receive \$5,000 to donate to the environmental organization of their choice.

“I am proud to support these awards once again, and am overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of exceptional work being done by residents and organizations to make Toronto a greener and healthier place to live,” said Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, chair of the City’s Roundtable on the Environment.

Recipients of the 2006 Green Toronto Awards’ Environmental Awards of Excellence are:

Community Projects Award – rewards the work of volunteers engaged in community building and conservation (sponsored by Loblaw Companies Limited): BikeShare; Brahms Energy Saving Initiative; Green Committee, Celebrity Place

Energy Conservation – rewards the efforts to reduce energy or develop renewable energy sources to improve our air quality (sponsored by AutoShare): Enbridge Gas Distribution; Tridel; and Unilever Canada, Rexdale Plant

Environmental Awareness – rewards an individual or group helping people understand the interconnectedness of the natural and man-made world (sponsored by Toronto Hydro): EcoSchools Program; Green Tourism Association; Mountain Equipment Co-op

Green Design – rewards the efforts of a company, project or group working with infrastructure, architecture or industrial design (sponsored by Roots): Mondial Energy Inc.; Thomas L. Wells Public School (Architect: Baird Sampson Neuert Architects); Toronto Botanical Garden

Health Award – rewards an individual or group involved in making Toronto a healthier place to live (sponsored by Ace Bakery): Dufferin Grove Organic Farmers’ Market; HOOF&CYCLE; and Real Food for Real Kids

Leadership – rewards an outstanding contribution to the greening of Toronto (sponsored by Toronto Community Foundation): Alice Mitchell, Toronto District School Board; Environmental Defence; and Jim Robb, Friends of the Rouge

Market Transformation – rewards leadership in market-based environmental solutions (sponsored by Perfectly Natural): Bullfrog Power; Kevin McLaughlin, AutoShare; and redCity Search Company, Inc.

Water Efficiency – recognizes efforts to sustainably manage and reduce water use and promote water conservation (sponsored by Toronto Water): Arcadia Housing Co-operative Incorporated; MintoUrban Communities Inc.; and Upper Canada College

Youth – rewards youth who show leadership in greening projects including school ground naturalization, recycling and fundraising for environmental causes (sponsored by TD Bank Financial Group): Amanda Green; Jackman Green Team (Jackman Avenue Public School); and St. Clement's School

Exhibition Place is also being recognized with an Environmental Achievement Award for making their venue more energy efficient.

The City of Toronto's Green Toronto Awards program launched in 2005, honour initiatives that are changing the face of our city and impacting our environmental health and sustainability. The program is made possible in partnership with the City of Toronto, Green Living Enterprises, and corporate and media sponsors. For more information about the awards of excellence winners' projects, visit the City of Toronto's website at www.toronto.ca/greentorontoawards or call 416-392-2984.

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