



Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Guelph City Council
City of Guelph
59 Carden Street, City Hall
Guelph, ON

Dear Mayor Farbridge and Councillors,

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN FOR GUELPH

Please accept our letter of support for *Guelph's Community Energy Plan*.

The Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition is a network of grass roots neighbourhood groups and community partners. Please see the attached for our vision, mission and values.

We are proud of our volunteer contributions towards the Project Porchlight pilot program this winter where 10,000 CFL lightbulbs were delivered to homes in our neighbourhoods. We have also attached a summary of the delivery for your information. We believe this type of a program is an excellent way to engage citizens and create awareness for energy conservation, we intend to be a part of the implementation of the city wide campaign in the fall.

There were many community members who participated in the public workshop held on November 16th 2006 and shared creative and innovative ideas which we feel demonstrates the public will for this initiative. Furthermore, it is clear to us that the residents of Guelph have a strong desire to live in complete, sustainable and attractive neighbourhoods, which allows for all to live and prosper regardless of circumstances.

We would like to highlight to you the need to better understand the issues surrounding energy conservation and that any community education program you consider incorporates the need to reach our vulnerable and culturally diverse families in Guelph.

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We need a vision and leadership for energy conservation in Guelph and we look to you for this.

Think globally, please act locally.

Please support the Community Energy Plan for Guelph on April 23, 2007.

On behalf of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
Connecting Group Members

Debbie Gorman



About the Coalition

The Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition is a network of neighbourhood groups, sponsoring agencies and program partners. Each neighbourhood group operates in an autonomous way at the grass roots level to meet needs for children, youth and families that have been identified within the neighbourhood. Through the Coalition, the neighbourhood groups bring together their collective resources to share information, provide support, distribute available funding resources, advocate for community issues and required funding.

Our Vision

The Coalition envisions a Guelph community of healthy children, strong families, and vibrant neighbourhoods, which embraces diversity, creates opportunities, and promotes a high quality of life for all residents.

Our Mission

The Neighbourhood Support Coalition is a network of neighbourhoods and community organizations that are committed to building and sustaining neighbourhood groups, strengthening individuals and families, ensuring healthy growth and development for every child.

Our Core Values

Building Community... we believe in the strength of citizens participation and their ability to contribute to the development of safe, healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods for families and children.

Partnerships... through intersectoral partnership we can identify valuable resources and become more responsive to community needs.

Diversity... respect for neighbourhood diversity drives the Coalition to represent all citizens.

Innovation... we embrace innovative, cost effective approaches to problem solving, utilizing the strength of our partners, community research and community lessons learned.

Healthy Citizens... by investing in the skills and knowledge of our members we will provide opportunities for families, vulnerable children and the personal growth of youth, adults and seniors.

Trust... we will keep commitments and be dependable, honest, and truthful.

Respect... we treat people fairly and equally.

