

News Release

MONTEREY INN RESORT BIG SUPPORTER OF NEW RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION CENTRE

RIDEAU VALLEY, December 3, 2007 — The new environmentally-friendly Rideau Valley Conservation Centre at the corner of Prince of Wales Drive and Rideau Valley Drive in Manotick is within days of being ready for Conservation Authority staff occupancy. The final internal touches are being applied this week with the move of 60 staff, their documents and furniture scheduled for Monday, December 10.

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is very pleased to count the Monterey Inn Resort and Conference Centre among its Partners in Conservation. The Monterey was Canada's first Carbon Neutral Company and has since gone on to achieve many national and international awards for its own environmental policies on its site on the Rideau just south of the Hunt Club bridge. We are honoured to acknowledge the Monterey's generous support of our efforts to achieve LEED Silver certification for the new Conservation Centre in Beryl Gaffney Park. The Monterey Inn Resort is one of three most generous Platinum Level sponsors helping to bring the amazing new Rideau Valley Conservation Centre to the City of Ottawa.

The Monterey hosted a Gala Fundraising Dinner last April as the kickoff to the LEED fundraising campaign. Jason Kelly and his staff go well out of their way to assist community conservation efforts on a regular basis. In addition to providing valuable and delicious receptions and catering services, the Monterey invests annually in tree planting to offset its carbon emissions, in the City Stream Watch program to encourage community efforts to monitor urban creeks, and in RVCA Clean Water Programs to help maintain the clean, healthy river that flows by the guest rooms at the Inn.

LEED stands for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design system which is considered the worldwide standard in measuring the sustainability of a building. In the case of the Rideau Valley Conservation Centre, the building is exceptional in the way it manages water, a prime concern of RVCA. The building sheds water into a watercourse and on-site pond. Gray water and rainwater is also collected, treated and reused in the building's toilets which flow to a highly-efficient demonstration septic system adjacent to the structure. Ultimately, all stormwater and sewage will be managed on-site.

Passive solar heating and natural light are featured. Three quarters of construction waste has been diverted from landfill or reused. More than 15% of the materials used are themselves made of recycled material and an additional 20% were extracted or manufactured locally. The new building consumes about 40% less energy than a similar building using current industry standards.

The Rideau Valley Conservation Centre will open for conservation business next Tuesday, December 11 at 8:30 am. Next time you're in the neighbourhood, please drop by and say hello.

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