

News Release

GOULBOURN-STITTSVILLE SANITATION PARTNERS WITH CONSERVATION

RIDEAU VALLEY, January 18, 2008 — Goulbourn-Stittsville Sanitation, a waste management firm in Greater Ottawa, has been locally-owned and operated now for over 40 years. Goulbourn-Stittsville Sanitation is proud to announce its sponsorship of the new Rideau Valley Conservation Centre at the corner of Prince of Wales Drive and Rideau Valley Drive in Manotick. The Centre is the new headquarters for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) as well as the Visitor Centre for the City of Ottawa's Beryl Gaffney Park in which it is situated.

Goulbourn-Stittsville Sanitation has built its own excellent environmental reputation through recycling, diversion, reduction, reusing, composting, waste exchange, energy from waste and waste management logistics. They provide a complete range of waste management services including non-hazardous solid waste collection, transfer waste station, materials recovery facility, institutional commercial and industrial recycling and organic waste for composting.

Their partnership with the exciting Rideau Valley Conservation Centre is a natural fit. The new Centre will be certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system at a Silver Level standard. LEED is considered to be the worldwide standard in measuring building environmental sustainability.

The new conservation facility is constructed around a central atrium with office space, meeting rooms and a small conference facility on the sides. The building is exceptional in the way it manages water, one of the prime concerns of the RVCA. The building will shed rainwater into a watercourse and on-site pond. Gray water and rainwater will also be collected, treated and reused in the buildings toilets which will flow to a highly efficient, demonstration septic system adjacent to the building. Ultimately, all stormwater and sewage will be managed on site.

The structure has been oriented on the site to maximize passive solar heating and natural lighting. Three quarters of the construction waste has been diverted from landfill or reused. More than 15% of the materials used in construction are themselves made of recycled material and an additional 20% were extracted or manufactured locally. Low-emitting glues, solvents and carpets are used throughout to increase staff comfort and protect their health. And the building is designed to consume about 40% less energy than a similar-sized building using current industry standards.

"We are delighted to be associated with the greenest building project in Ottawa. Our commitment to protection of the environment through recycling and reuse of natural resources is second to none," commented Goulbourn General Manager David Graham.

The extra initial costs associated with the LEED designation was partly funded through fundraising efforts. A group of community-minded conservation colleagues lead by Goulbourn-Stittsville Sanitation donated over \$300,000 to help RVCA build this amazing public asset in southern Ottawa.

The new Rideau Valley Conservation Centre opened for conservation business on December 11, 2007.

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