

# Peel council approves investment to fight global warming

Region of Peel councillors from Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon voted unanimously to approve an in-year increase to Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) of \$2.5 million each for 2007. This is the Region's initial response to fight global warming while a larger response is being developed.

Mississauga councillors led by Mayor Hazel McCallion and Pat Mullin, (Chair of CVC), championed a preliminary global warming response with enhanced funding to go to flooding and erosion; water quality and quantity; and ecosystems - all areas that will be directly impacted by global warming.

These are the core areas where the funding will be spent:

Some of Cooksville Creek in southern Mississauga is flood prone. To monitor the creek, CVC will be installing real-time cameras. As well, additional climate monitoring stations will be established in Peel.

An additional 10,000 of large stock trees will be planted by CVC with the help of Mississauga and Brampton high school students. The students will use their community service hours to get these trees in the ground that will reduce carbon emissions. CVC plants about 40,000 trees per year but with the funding will be able to increase this number substantially.

Solid surfaces, such as asphalt roads and parking lots negatively impact water quality and quantity in urban areas. In global warming scenarios, water quality and quantity problems will intensify. The Credit River (described as the healthiest river in the GTA) does not meet provincial water quality guidelines for total phosphorus and nitrate and is not suitable for swimming. Undoubtedly the poor quality of river water in the GTA in general, is a part of the growth of algae on Lake Ontario.

CVC and its partner municipalities will be retrofitting existing urban areas to reduce these solid (impervious) surfaces and in newly developed areas will

be encouraged to follow "low impact development techniques" such as disconnecting downspouts, creating water infiltration basins, pervious pavement (it allows water to filter into the ground instead of washing away into the sewer system), etc. You can help by decreasing water consumption, creating rain gardens, using rain barrels, using pervious pavement in driveways and encouraging low impact development in any new housing developments.

The Credit River boasts the most diverse coldwater fishery in Ontario (trout and salmon) - if not eastern North America. This fishery will be under threat of warming water temperatures and in order for this important resource to survive, fish need to be able to migrate to cold water pools. With more than 450 dams on the Credit many of these structures need to be assessed for removal or fish ladders created. Planting along stream beds will help

reduce local water temperatures.

Plants and animals will be attempting to move northward and are currently obstructed by roads and urban infrastructure. Continuous corridors of connected greenspace will be necessary. This will require careful planning and protection of additional lands in public ownership whose primary purpose is to protect core ecosystems.

CVC currently protects about 5,000 acres of core greenland in public ownership. CVC in partnership with the Region of Peel hopes to increase these conservation areas by another 5,000 acres in the next 20 years - a daunting and expensive undertaking.

If you would like to help by providing funding to plant a tree, securing environmentally significant land, retrofitting urban areas, planting stream corridor buffers, or preserving wetlands in the Mississauga, Brampton or Caledon areas please contact

Terri Leroux at Credit Valley Conservation Foundation (905-670-1615 ext 242). A tax receipt can be provided.

Conservation authorities are a provincial/municipal partnership. The CVC was established by an Act of the province in 1954 with a mandate to protect all natural resources other than minerals in the area drained by the Credit River which included much of Caledon and Brampton. They have been working for over 50

years with partner municipalities and stakeholders to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Credit River Watershed for present and future generations.

The Credit Valley Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation to raise money for the conservation authority currently supplementing such CVC work as reforestation.

## World Day of Prayer

The people of Paraguay have written the service for the 2007 World Day of Prayer, on the theme "united under God's tent."

Wars and a long dictatorship have taken their toll on Paraguay. Despite their poverty and struggle to survive, Paraguayans are a caring and musical people, known around the world for folk music and handmade spider web lace, and of course their Olympic medal winning soccer team.

More than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada will celebrate World Day of Prayer.

All the local churches are participating and invite men and women of all faiths to attend a service, held this year at Holy Family Church, Allan Drive, Bolton, March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

## Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association earns top marks

The Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association walked away with top honours in two categories recently week at the Ontario Economic Development Awards in Toronto.

The association received first place in tourism marketing for The Hills of Headwaters Visitors Guide & Map, and for the Headwaters Golf Trail Brochure. The ceremony honours winners and honourable mentions for their efforts in promoting their communities for location and tourism opportunities.

In all, 100,000 copies of the Hills of Headwaters Visitor's Guide & Map are produced annually by the tourism association and distributed throughout the GTA and greater southern Ontario in order to generate visitation to the Hills of Headwaters region. The Headwaters Golf Trail is a collaboration of six Headwaters golf courses who reward golfers who complete all six courses in one season with innovative prizeing ([www.golftrail.ca](http://www.golftrail.ca)).

"This year, over 190 entries were judged," stated 2006 EDCO president George Borovilos. "The competition allows local communities to see just how they stack up against other municipalities when it comes to promoting location, investment & tourism opportunities."

Expert judges reviewed all of the entries that covered everything from promotional brochures to infrastructure development projects.

Lisa Brusse, executive director and Cynthia Percival, tourism co-ordinator, with the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association, were on hand to accept the awards.

"We are thrilled to have the work of the tourism association recognized at a provincial level," said Brusse. "Our local tourism operators and municipalities contribute enormously to the collaborative marketing efforts of the tourism association. Cynthia and I are honoured to accept the awards on their behalf."

The Hills of Headwaters Visitor's guide and the Headwaters Golf Trail Brochure are truly made in the Hills solutions to local economic development. Both award winning publications are designed in Amaranth by graphic designer Marion Hodgson of Type and Images.

The Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association is a membership-based, regional organization with the mandate to market and promote tourism for the Hills of Headwaters region. The association is committed to encouraging tourism that is consistent with the region's rural heritage, respectful of its extraordinary natural environment and that promotes its spirit of community.

For more, contact them at 1-800-332-9744.



Cynthia Percival and Lisa Brusse, executive director, accept the awards on behalf of the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association.

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With heavy hearts;  
and a tear in our eyes,  
after all these years;  
we must say goodbye.  
Please understand;  
we've done all we could,  
if there was anything we could do;  
you know we would.

I'm sitting right here;  
gently rub your ears,  
while I talk to you softly;  
trying to hold back the tears.  
The memories you gave us;  
we'll never forget,  
especially the ones;  
of the day we all met.

One last hug;  
and one last kiss,  
you have no idea;  
how much you'll be missed.  
To look into your eyes;  
this one last time,  
you tell me it's ok;  
you know it's your time.

Close your eyes now;  
and go to sleep,  
we'll pray to the Lord;  
you're soul he'll keep.  
Go in peace now;  
my good friend,  
I will stay right here with you;  
until the end.

Dream of that special day and time,  
when we'll meet at the Bridge;  
and all will be fine.  
We'll run and play; side by side,  
with a soft warm feeling;  
deep down inside.

Your memory will live on;  
in each one of us,  
you'll always be number 1;  
to all of us.  
Have a safe journey;  
through the night,  
I promise when you awake;  
you'll be in God's light.

So with heavy hearts;  
and tears in our eyes,  
just for now my friend;  
We Say Goodbye.

With love Mom, Dad, Alicia,  
Michelle, Misty, Skylar