



Markham District Energy Unveils Bursary for Markham Secondary School Students

Bursary announcement launches celebration of 10th Anniversary

MARKHAM, ON – December 3, 2010 – In celebration of its 10th Anniversary, Markham District Energy (MDE) President Bruce Ander announced the details of its annual **Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary** program for graduating Markham secondary school students. Students representing each of Markham's fourteen high schools gathered at the Markham Civic Centre earlier today with representatives from York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, members of Markham Council and industry professionals for the launch of the Sustainability Bursary program.

"For Markham, becoming a "sustainable community" is about considering every aspect of our community's environment in every decision we make," said Mayor Frank Scarpitti. "Markham's Sustainability Plan – The Greenprint – is our community driven, comprehensive strategy to make Markham one of the most liveable and sustainable places in North America. When Markham Centre is fully developed, MDE's district energy system will achieve a 50% reduction of local emissions."

"MDE plays a significant role in attracting new business to Markham while contributing to Markham's environmental leadership," said Jack Heath, Deputy Mayor and MDE Chair. "MDE is regarded across the country as a leading district energy example."

Melissa Hwang, past member of Markham Mayor's Youth Task Force, talked about the importance of our youth pursuing studies related to the environmental sciences and sustainability. Author Tom Rand added to this theme. As an advocate for science and the environment, Mr. Rand encouraged the audience with the hope of a sustainable future by acting now in our communities. Each student attending the event received a signed copy of Mr. Rand's book, *Kick the Fossil Fuel Habit - 10 Clean Technologies to Save Our World*.

"MDE has established the Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary to help cultivate and nurture environmental leadership among tomorrow's leaders," said MDE President Bruce Ander. "This bursary encourages and rewards graduating Markham high school students who have distinguished themselves through environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence; and who intend to study sciences related to the environment at a Canadian post-secondary institution."

Markham District Energy owns and operates an award-winning EcoLogo certified community energy system that produces thermal energy and electricity for our emerging downtown and the growing urban development surrounding Markham Stouffville Hospital.

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Markham District Energy Inc. (MDE), an energy company owned by the Town of Markham, is committed to developing a world class community-based district energy system that responsibly invests capital to encourage local economic development and demonstrate environmental leadership.

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