

Dear Friends,

In the fall of 2013, I had the privilege of chairing a passionate group of municipal, business, and utility stakeholders during Partners in Project Green's inaugural Energy Performance Committee meeting. Solely gathering this level of leadership in the same room is an achievement all to its own, but quickly it became evident every committee member was engaged and intrinsically driven to achieve much more over their two year term.

The Committee is determined to drive action and measurable results in energy conservation, renewable or low impact generation, and raising awareness. Accordingly, in 2013 we agreed on validating our performance, and the achievements of all Partners in Project Green members, by establishing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions as the Energy Performance Area metric. Furthermore, the committee set a target for Partners in Project Green members to avoid 5,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent by the end of 2014.

In addition to acting as ambassadors for Partners in Project Green and its Energy Programming, Committee Members showed openness when collaborating to take on an initiative that is bigger than what any one of us could accomplish individually. We are striving towards selecting a truly innovative collective project that demonstrates leadership in energy performance and GHG emissions reductions. An exciting opportunity that the committee is evaluating is an *Electric Vehicle Charging Network* spanning throughout the Pearson Eco-Business Zone.

Looking forward to 2014, the Energy Performance Committee plans to finalize and implement our collective project, lead by example and provide to support to Partners in Project Green members pursuing energy performance improvements, and continue to guide refinement of Partners in Project Green's energy programming, maximizing value and results for its expanding membership.

It is truly exhilarating to be a part of such a highly motivated group seeking to collectively drive real sustainable and measurable change in the Pearson Eco-Business zone, making this area the leader in innovative, cooperative, environmental management in Canada.



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