

Dear Partners in Project Green Members,

As a long-time supporter of the Pearson Eco-Business Zone vision, I am proud to belong to such a progressive community, and honored to act as the Chair of Partners in Project Green's Water Stewardship Committee.

In recent years, the world has seen a major shift in the "water debate", and the perceived importance of water related issues. Increasing concerns surrounding the inherent risks of climate change, rapid population growth and urban development, water usage intensification, aging infrastructure, and acute public scrutiny have amplified the need for more holistic solutions from a more diversified water industry. Originally focused on water conservation, water stakeholders are turning their attention to the broader tenets of water stewardship, giving rise to "smarter" solutions and an increasing number of integrated, multi-stakeholder, multi-technology projects to tackle the compounded effects of important water related issues.

Members of Partner in Project Green's Water Stewardship Committee have set out to deliver meaningful programs, tools, and events that will assist organizations in and around the Pearson Eco-Business Zone in reducing their water footprint across their business chains. Furthermore, with the emergence of and increase damage caused by severe weather events such as the storm that hit the Greater Toronto Area on July 8, 2013, Committee members will be coordinating efforts to take on a combination of a large innovative collective projects throughout the year to demonstrate leadership and unprecedented multi-stakeholder collaboration in the area of water flow risk mitigation.

We certainly have our work cut out for us, but I am excited to be part of such an inspiring initiative and look forward to engaging the community in 2014.

Yours Very Truly,



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