



Brampton's Waste Management Study wins Excellence in Planning Award

September 12, 2008 – The Ontario Professional Planners Institute has awarded the City of Brampton and the MMM Group Limited an Excellence in Planning Award for **Incineration and Waste Processing: Transfer and Disposal Study**.

The field of waste management is contentious, but new techniques for recycling, disposal, and generating energy from waste are emerging every year. Municipalities need to regulate current uses while remaining open to future technologies that may make current methods obsolete. In this study, MMM Group and the City of Brampton were the first to develop leading-edge planning policies to guide waste management and address matters of public interest, including public health and safety, and the regulation of land uses associated with waste management. The resulting policies, and the zoning by-law and Official Plan amendments associated with them, were widely accepted by the public and the waste management industry, and passed without appeal in October 2007. The process is already being used as a model by other municipalities.

The Excellence in Planning Award recognizes innovation, creativity, professionalism, problem-solving, and communications in four categories: urban and community design, planning studies or reports, research/new directions, and public education. This year's winners were chosen from 30 entries. The other winners are:

- Regions of York, Halton, Peel and Durham and the cities of Toronto, Mississauga and Hamilton for the Smart Commute initiative
- Niagara Economic Development Department and peter j. smith for "Energizing Niagara's Wine Country"
- City of Ottawa for Urban Design Guidelines for the Development Review Process
- City of Toronto for Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines
- Town of Markham for Markham Small Streams Study

The awards ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday, September 18, 2008, Clarion Pinewood Park Resort in North Bay. The ceremony is part of the 2008 symposium of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is the recognized voice of the Province's planning profession. Its more than 3,000 members work in government, private practice, universities, and non-profit agencies in the fields of urban and rural development, urban design, environmental planning, transportation, health and social services, heritage conservation, housing, and economic development. For further information, go to: www.ontarioplanners.on.ca

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