



News Advisory

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Minto Communities celebrate LEED™ for homes certification and ENERGY STAR for New Homes

Harvest Hills will combine energy efficient, quality designed homes with the privacy of nature

(Toronto, Ontario, September 22, 2008) Minto Communities Inc. will host an official grand opening celebration on Wednesday, September 24 to announce that its *Saunders* single-family showhome in East Gwillimbury is the first of the company's LEED™ certified homes in Canada. It was achieved through the Canada Green Building Council's (CaGBC) national case study program to develop a formal rating system for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) homes in Canada.

His worship, James Young, Mayor of East Gwillimbury will gather with Peter Love, Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation and Andrew Pride, Vice President of Minto's Green division to help celebrate this milestone for Minto. The group will participate in an official tree planting ceremony outside of the LEED™ Silver model showhome in East Gwillimbury to symbolize the occasion.

Who: James Young, Mayor of East Gwillimbury
Peter Love, Ontario Chief Energy Conservation Officer, Ontario Power Authority
Andrew Pride, Vice President, Minto Green Division

When: Wednesday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: 1 Lady Gwillim Ave., East Gwillimbury, ON (Green Lane West and Yonge Street – see map)

What: Minto Communities
Announcement of LEED®-Canada
for Homes Certification and Photo
Opportunity

Speakers will be on hand to answer questions regarding LEED®-Canada for Homes and sustainable development following the tree planting ceremony.

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For more information or to schedule an interview, contact:

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