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OSEA to host First Annual Community Power Conference *Early bird registration extended until October 30th*

(Toronto, October 15, 2009) The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) is gearing up for the first annual Community Power Conference. Scheduled for November 15 to 16, the conference will bring together industry leaders, government officials and community-based groups involved in sustainable energy projects.

“This is a chance for players in the sustainable energy and community power sectors to come together, exchange knowledge and share best practices,” remarked Kris Stevens, Executive Director of OSEA. It’s a unique opportunity.”

Early bird registration - which includes a 5% discount - has been extended until October 30, 2009. A 20% discount for groups of five or more is also available. Community groups are eligible for further discounts and can email robert.dickie@ontario-sea.org for more information.

Among the scheduled speakers are: Colin Anderson and Jason Chee-Aloy (Ontario Power Authority), Paul Gipe (Wind-Works), Marion Fraser (Fraser & Company), Henning Holst (Civil/Welding Engineer), Deborah Doncaster (Community Power Fund) and Jen Hennebery (Ontario Co-Operative Association). David Susuki will act as Honorary Chair of the conference.

Expect the recently announced Feed-in Tariff (FIT) and Micro-FIT programs to play a significant role in the event. Conference organizers describe these initiatives as central to the success of sustainable community power in Ontario.

“The entire sustainable energy sector is very excited about FIT and Micro-FIT,” Stevens continued. “OSEA’s Community Power Conference will focus on the potential of these programs in terms of community-driven green energy.”

The conference will also include networking opportunities, information on government funding and a look at industry trends, products and services. Visit the free trade show Nov. 16-18, 2009.

“We’re planning an event that will help participants become early adopters in community power. We want to make it as easy as possible,” remarked Stevens.

For further details, or to register, please visit: www.cpconference.ca or www.ontario-sea.org.

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The 1st Annual OSEA Community Power Conference 2009 brings together Community Power proponents from throughout Ontario and abroad to share best practices. The conference will build the networks needed to support Community Power and show Ontario, the international community, and specifically the Canadian power generation industry that community power means business.

OSEA works to initiate, facilitate and support the work of local sustainable energy organizations through membership services, province wide capacity building and non-partisan policy work. They work to catalyze the efforts of community organizers and raise awareness of the benefits of community power and renewable energy through various communication channels and by offering a variety of workshops and guidebooks on topics.