



## Media Release

# Minister of Energy delivers keynote for Community Power Awards

(TORONTO, ON November 15, 2011) The OSEA 2011 Community Power Awards were presented last night during the Green Connection banquet & awards ceremony. The award winners are individuals who have made significant contributions to the Community Power movement in Ontario and globally.

The award presentation followed a keynote speech by **Chris Bentley, Ontario's Minister of Energy**.



The awards were presented by Kristopher Stevens, the Executive Director of OSEA.

The 2011 award winners are:

### Community Power Leader

Award winner: **Mike Brigham**, President of TREC Solar Share

### International Community Power Leader

Award winner: **Stefan Gsänger**, World Wind Energy Association, Secretary General, since WWEA's foundation in 2001

### **Urban Community Power Leader**

Award winner: Farrah Khan, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

### **Aboriginal Community Power Leader**

Award winner: **Byron LeClair**, Director of Community Development, Pic River First Nation

### **Rural Community Power Leader**

Award Winner: **Don McCabe**, Vice-President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

The Community Power Conference 2011 is Ontario's single largest annual gathering of Community Power producers, proponents and supporters. Together with the Power Networking Centre trade show, the conference attracts industry regulators, commercial and Community Power generators, farmers and First Nation and Métis delegations.

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