

Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award

Based on Green Business recommendations that came out of the Town of Halton Hills Green Plan, the information below addresses Chamber's involvement in a recommendation to update the Civic Pride Award to become the:

Halton Hills Green Award

(to include business, non-business)

The recipient of the Halton Hills Green Award will be recognized for environmental preservation through their conservation efforts in the following areas: energy, water, waste, green procurement and protection of natural heritage. They will also be recognized for any community work that nurtures the ethic of social responsibility.

Potential Award Names Discussed By Green Business Team Task Group:

Environmental Achievement Award

Green Business Award

*Halton Hills Green Award

Halton Hills Green Award – Detailed Criteria

Energy Efficiency

- heating/cooling
- electricity (i.e. use of energy efficient equipment)
- use of green power (i.e. Bullfrog Power)

Water Conservation

- follows Chamber of Halton Hills water conservation policy

Waste Reduction

- reduces consumption
- reuses items
- recycles

Procurement Of Products & Services That Have Minimal Or No-Harm On Our Natural Heritage

- reduction in use of chemical products and services (i.e. pesticide free property maintenance, use of bio-diesel for transportation)
- use of least toxic products and services
- strives to buy local as 1st choice (products and services)

Social Responsibility

- gives back to community
- creates employee incentives that foster environmental protection (flex time for volunteer work)
- supports or partners in community programs or groups (social or environmental benefits)

General Qualities:

- advance environmental sustainability
- results measurable and quantifiable
- demonstrate element of continuity
- bonus points for - originality and innovation
- businesses and non-businesses can apply