

Media Advisory: May 4, 2010

Attention: Local News, New Energy, New Technology Assignment Editors

St. Clair College and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) reveal prototype “Green roof” Shed

Linking education programs, products and professions in the City of Windsor.

Windsor, May 5, 2010 – Windsor Essex CHC gratefully received the gift of a prototype green roof shed with a small but committed community build today, involving staff from CHC, CMHC and students from the Architectural, Civil and Construction Technologies Programs at St. Clair College. Jim Steele, CEO of CHC thanked the first year students of the St. Clair College program which designed and built the shed, with its unique roof line. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation linked CHC with St. Clair College allowing the eco shed to find its home among the Windsor 5 Now House ™ project.

The eco-friendly outdoor shed was pre-constructed by students in the program which focuses on the principles of green construction. The design, build and prototype of the green shed were undertaken by the first year students in the program. Robert Lanoue, Professor at St. Clair College agrees, “construction trades should be looking to new eco-friendly materials and the use of those materials in construction trades. Windsor and the local region are becoming more focused on the changing trends and innovations occurring in the industry and managing for sustainability.”

St. Clair College continually researches and develops new programs to meet the needs of students in the community. In the fall of 2010 the Engineering Technologies Department at St. Clair College introduces **Energy Systems Design Technology program**. It is the first of its kind to be offered in Ontario. “Graduates can pursue numerous careers paths in the field of energy conversion and design of energy systems for buildings, industrial processes and transportation”, explains Bill White, Professor and Coordinator. The program prepares students for employment in the sustainable energy field and energy utilization careers, with a focus on energy systems for residential, industrial and commercial applications.

Chair of the College’s School of Engineering Technology Department, Waseem Habash, explained the new programs compliment the existing programs in the School of Engineering including Power Engineering and Construction Engineering Technologies which provide qualifications in 2 years for those looking for a second career.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation coordinated the introduction of the St. Clair College gift to CHC. “Building community partnerships is important for CMHC as well as supporting new technologies in the community. Connecting the dots and joining programs, products and professions is a priority for CMHC.” says Judith Binder, District Manager, Southwestern Ontario, CMHC.

WHO:

St. Clair College

- Students of the first class of the Architectural, Civil, Construction technology program
- Waseem Habash, Chair, School of Engineering Technology,
- Robert Lanoue, Professor, Architectural, Civil and Construction Technologies Programs
- Bill White, Professor and Coordinator Energy Systems Design Technology



Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

- Judith Binder, District Manager ,Southwestern Ontario, CMHC



Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation

- Jim Steele, CEO , Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (CHC)

WHAT:

Community build of a prototype green shed in the Bridgeview Community gifted by St. Clair College, Engineering Technology Department and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
11 am photo opportunity and interviews

WHERE: 1291 Rankin Street, Windsor, Ontario

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Interview times can be pre-arranged with spokespeople from each organization.

About Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (CHC)

Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation is committed to bringing sustainable thinking and design to its social housing portfolio. CHC has undertaken the testing of five different energy reduction models to find the most effective approach for greening CHC's portfolio of single-family houses. CHC is the largest social housing provider in Windsor and Essex County, and the fourth largest in Ontario

About Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is Canada's national housing agency. Established as a government-owned corporation in 1946 to address Canada's post-war housing shortage, the agency has grown into a major national institution. CMHC is Canada's premier provider of mortgage loan insurance, mortgage-backed securities, housing policy and programs, and housing research

About St. Clair College

St. Clair College is Canada's southernmost postsecondary education facility, where more than 8,200 full time and 20,000 part time learners a year come to enhance their knowledge and learn new skills providing them with the tools to pursue their career goals. The College is focused on graduating people with highly employable skills who can contribute to the health care, business, engineering technology and skilled trades, and media, arts and design sectors. Our alumni are positioned to contribute to the economic growth and success of our economy, within our community, across the country and around the world.

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