

Camp Kawartha to Showcase



Left to Right: Jacob Rodenburg, Executive Director of the Camp Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre; David Whitehouse, Manager of Customer Service PDI; Jeff Guilbeault Vice President of PDI; and, Stephen Kylie, Chair of PDI.

(Photo courtesy of Peterborough Distribution Inc.)

Peterborough Distribution Inc. Proud of its Participation in Construction of Unique Centre at Trent University

Using innovative green architecture, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre in Peterborough will showcase alternative energy in action. Designed and built by students in Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, the centre will be, in the words of program coordinator and award-winning sustainable builder Chris Magwood, "Canada's most sustainable building." Construction of the Centre commenced in the spring of 2009 and is expected to be completed this fall.

Located on more than 200 acres of Trent University's stunning wildlife sanctuary lands, this unique 2,000 square foot structure will be used to teach children and the community at large about alternative energy, environmental programming and sustainable living practices. The centre will also be used as a training ground to showcase best practices in environmental education for teachers through Trent's School of Professional Learning.

Peterborough Distribution Inc., with funding provided through the Ontario Power Authority's Community Initiatives Fund, is proud to be providing the capital to install photovoltaic panels to harness the sun's energy and provide most of the electricity to run the centre. On May 21, 2009, Peterborough Distribution presented a cheque for \$27,023.65 to Camp Kawartha at the Environment Centre's construction site.

Environment Centre Alternative Energy in Action

"Peterborough Utilities is committed to helping our community realize a greener future," said Larry Doran, President and CEO, Peterborough Utilities Group. "This project is important because it not only helps us go green today in a small way, it educates our future leaders on what may be possible."


"Camp Kawartha is thrilled to be named the recipient of funding from Peterborough Distribution Inc.," said Jacob Rodenburg, Executive Director of Camp Kawartha and The Kawartha Outdoor Education Centre. "This gift will help us enormously in our efforts to teach children and residents of Peterborough about the power and potential of solar energy. An investment in alternative energy today can make a huge difference to our children tomorrow."

In addition to being powered by active and passive solar energy, the Camp Kawartha Environment Centre will include innovative features

such as: a green roof seeded with local plants, a living wall helping to purify air, a greenhouse complete with an indoor wetland to purify water, rain water collection and storage, geothermal energy, energy-neutral design supplying power back to the grid, and super-insulated straw bale and rammed earth construction. To find out more, visit www.campkawartha.ca. ■

The Community Initiatives Fund is dedicated to supporting community-based and grassroots projects, with a focus on education, outreach and action-oriented electricity conservation initiatives.

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