

Yorkdale declares green the 'in' colour for all seasons

Canada's premiere fashion shopping destination demonstrates ongoing commitment to eco-friendly design with latest expansion efforts

Toronto, ON – April 16, 2007 – It isn't always easy being green, but Yorkdale does it in style, as a national leader in environmentally friendly design. With 14 eco-friendly awards and recognitions under its belt, Yorkdale has reduced its carbon footprint by a staggering 3,945 metric tonnes since 2002. Now, with its final stage of renovation set for completion in fall 2007, Yorkdale's earth-friendly dedication continues with some of the most innovative designs in North America.

"We were eager to do our part, and we knew that our renovation provided the right design, planning and timing opportunities," says John Crane, Manager of Operations for Yorkdale Shopping Centre. "Our renovations truly demonstrate our commitment to cost-effective energy management and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, without compromising the distinctly 'Yorkdale' shopping experience."

Ready, Set, Green!

In 2001, Yorkdale rolled out a comprehensive energy and environment management program that tracked its consumption levels. Since then, the centre made major progress in reducing energy consumption, but wanted to do more. That opportunity presented itself with the centre's \$100 million expansion and redevelopment project.

Yorkdale has achieved significant results in energy management, waste management, and water and storm management. From 2002 to 2006, the centre has seen a 5.5 million kilowatt hour (KWH) reduction in energy consumption, and \$605,000 in energy-cost avoidance. Some of the highlights include:

Energy Management: Using the innovative principles of daylight design, Yorkdale's architects created a 300 foot long seamless glass ceiling – the largest of its kind in North America – for the centre's new expansion wing. Bringing the outdoors in has created significant heating and lighting savings to the centre. In fact, the addition of natural light now allows Yorkdale to switch off 95 per cent of common area lighting during the day.

Waste Management: Yorkdale has developed a sustainable strategy to divert 52 per cent of waste from landfills. Large 96 gallon recycling totes have been installed at four in-mall locations to encourage recycling. As part of the tenant-recycling program, every store receives free recycle bins which are emptied daily by Yorkdale's housekeeping staff. In 2005 alone, Yorkdale diverted 800 metric tonnes of cardboard from landfill.

Water and Storm Management: Water is Yorkdale's second most expensive utility. By replacing flush valves in the washrooms with automatic controls, installing low-flow toilets and reducing flow settings to a one-gallon flush, Yorkdale has significantly reduced its water consumption. Further reductions were realized with irrigation system for all outdoor landscaping.

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Additional plans for 2007 include the installation of a new 500 KW bi-fuel emergency generator, a redesign of the lighting system, retrofitting exterior signs from Neon to LED, retrofitting exterior architectural white pillar lights to LED, and an in-depth water audit of HVAC, washroom, tenants, irrigation, and sprinkler systems resulting in increased water efficiency.

"Yorkdale's commitment to cost-effective energy management and the reduction of waste and greenhouse gases has yielded incredible results," says Crane. "We have created an optimal balance between the development of sustainable environmental strategies and the creation of an unparalleled shopping experience."

Accolades for Yorkdale's eco-friendly actions

Since 2001, Yorkdale has received more than a dozen prestigious awards and recognition for creating a balance between sustainable environmental programs and a unique shopping experience:

- 2006 International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Award for Sustainable Design
 - This is the first award of its kind from the ICSC which recognizes Yorkdale's commitment to design innovation and environmental initiatives
- 2006 ICSC International Design Award for Renovation or Expansion of an Existing Project (projects over 500,000 square feet)
- 2006 ICSC Canada - Maple Leaf Award – Greening Yorkdale
- 2006 ICSC International – MAXI Merit Award – Greening Yorkdale
- 2006 Oxford Taking Ownership Team award – "Bi-fuel Generators"
- 2006 Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Toronto - Certificate of Building Excellence
- 2006 BOMA Toronto - Certificate of Management Excellence
- 2006 BOMA Toronto -Toronto Building of the Year Award (Under 10,000 square feet)
- 2005 ICSC CentreBuild Conference – Greening Yorkdale
- 2005 Oxford Taking Ownership Team Award – Greening Yorkdale
- 2004 BOMA Toronto - Certificate for Environmental Excellence - Earth Award
- 2004 Ministry of Natural Resources - Energy Innovators
- 2002 Operations Conference – Environmental Excellence
- 2001 Operations Conference Presentation Award – Re-Engineering Yorkdale

About Yorkdale

By fall 2007, Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Canada's premiere shopping destination, will complete its \$100 million, three-year renovation and expansion, showcasing more than 240 upscale stores and services. The redevelopment features an architecturally stunning streetscape, more than 180,000 square feet of shopping space and a soaring 60 foot high glass atrium. Yorkdale Shopping Centre is located at Hwy 401 and Dufferin St. www.yorkdale.com

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