



Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) applauds proposed energy legislation

Montréal, November 3rd, 2005 – The Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC), the national industry association for the ground source heat pump industry in Canada, commended the Ministry of Energy and the Ontario government for introducing the Energy Conservation Responsibility Act today in the provincial legislature.

“I want to applaud Minister Cansfield and her government for its perseverance and ongoing commitment to the establishment of an energy conservation culture in the province of Ontario,” said Denis Tanguay, Executive Director of the CGC.

The CGC was one of a handful of conservation stakeholders to participate in a reception and energy conservation forum held at the Legislature in Toronto following the reading of the legislation.

The introduction of the Energy Conservation Responsibility Act in the legislature demonstrates that the government clearly understands that for Ontario to truly become a North American leader in conservation and energy efficiency, it is necessary to go beyond past accomplishments. Commendable as well is the government’s recognition that it should avoid complacency, and for having the foresight to implement an innovative legislative agenda that helps remove barriers to sustainability and seeks to ensure the continued social and economic prosperity of Ontario.

Moreover, the CGC is very pleased to see that the Energy Conservation Responsibility Act recognizes the pivotal role that industry associations like the CGC play in furthering the government’s energy conservation agenda, and that it underscores the need to maintain ongoing collaboration with these organizations if a culture of conservation in the province is to be created.

The Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) acts as the industry catalyst to unite private and public sector stakeholders and expand the market for ground source heat pumps in Canada. CGC is responsible for the management of a \$3.2 million agreement with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). CGC members and NRCan are scheduled to invest over \$10 million in geexchange initiatives during three years. As the nexus of information, training, standards and public awareness, our mandate is to work with stakeholders to build the necessary infrastructure to respond to the climate change challenge, and to go beyond.

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