

GREATER TORONTO CHAPTER

CANADA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (CaGBC)

MUNICIPAL LEADERS FORUM WORKING GROUP

TEMPLATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF BEST PRACTICES TOOLKIT FOR THE GTA CONTEXT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT*



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1. MUNICIPALITY: City of Pickering
2. PROJECT / POLICY DESCRIPTION:

On June 1, 2010, the City produced its first edition of Measuring Sustainability (www.sustainablepickering.com). Thirty-two indicators of sustainability have been identified and are being tracked with the help of community partners. The indicators are grouped into the five objectives identified through earlier work of the Sustainable Pickering Program: Healthy Environment; Healthy Economy; Healthy Society; Responsible Development; and Responsible Consumption. The Measuring Sustainability report provides detailed descriptions and baseline data for the 32 indicators. One of the indicators under Responsible Development includes the amount of non-residential and residential floor area certified under a recognized green building program.
3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY (more than one may apply):
 - ✓ Green Buildings
 - ✓ Energy Conservation
 - ✓ Green Infrastructure
 - ✓ Smart Growth / Sustainable Urban Design
 - ✓ Water Conservation
4. POLICY/ PROJECT OBJECTIVE OR GOAL: to monitor the City's progress towards becoming a sustainable City.
5. INSTRUMENTS OF IMPLEMENTATION:

The Measuring Sustainability Report is a "living", on-line document. It will be revised as new information becomes available.



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6. INCENTIVES (if any): n/a

7. RESULTS / MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

The City now has a baseline for its green buildings: 60,996 m² of LEED-certified buildings and 5,600 m² of Energy Star buildings.

8. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED:

Reliable sources of data to determine baseline information and then monitor changes were difficult to find in many cases. About 12 indicators need a community survey or further work to develop the baseline and a process to obtain future information. Some of the indicators that had originally been developed were dropped or replaced because the data was not readily obtainable.

9. LESSONS LEARNED:

The ability to measure results is important to help the City understand where it is today with respect to sustainability, and where the targets should be set for the future.

*private development only – does not include municipal or other public projects and developments

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