

BurlingtonGreen
Press Release

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Community Solar Power Co-operative to be established in Burlington

BurlingtonGreen will announce the development of one of Ontario's first community renewable energy cooperatives at its November 23 Annual General Meeting this week. The new company, to be called BrightSky Power Community Solar Co-op, will enable people in Burlington to participate in and benefit from renewable energy solar power installations.

"We are very pleased to announce the development of community solar energy in Burlington," said Michael Yakimchuk, a member of the Board of Directors of BurlingtonGreen. "The Ontario government's Green Energy Act and its attractive Feed-In-Tariff or FIT rates allow profitable returns from solar power installations. Up to now though, not everyone could take advantage of the returns because they didn't have the right house or enough funds to put up their own installation. BrightSky Power, through its co-operative structure, will allow almost anyone to participate at affordable investment levels."

BrightSky Power has been developed by BurlingtonGreen in partnership with the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association and has been awarded a grant from the Community Energy Partnerships Program to start developing the first installation and sell to the public.

"BurlingtonGreen is in negotiation with a number of roof owners and we soon expect to be able to produce up to 340 Kilowatts of renewable energy every year. The installations will not only benefit co-operative members, but will also directly help the local business community by spending most of the approximately \$2,000,000 development cost locally. And last but not least, the initial projects will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 90 tons every year" indicated Yakimchuk.

Additional information on BrightSky Power can be found at www.brightsky.ca.

About BurlingtonGreen

The BurlingtonGreen Environmental Association is a local non-profit, non-partisan environmental organization based in Burlington and is holding its third Annual General Meeting at the Burlington Central Library on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 pm. For more information visit www.burlingtongreen.org. For more information about BurlingtonGreen, contact Ken Woodruff,

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About the Community Energy Partnerships Program

The Community Energy Partnerships Program (CEPP) provides grants of up to \$200,000 for community power projects developed by Ontario charities, not-for-profits, co-ops as well as individual Ontario residents, such as farmers. For more information visit www.communityenergyprogram.ca. For more information about CEPP, contact Rebecca Black, Community Energy Partnerships Program, reblacka@gmail.com, 416-535-2586.