

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Making Projects Happen*, Infrastructure Ontario's newsletter. Every month, you'll be able to read about new developments in our Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) projects, the OSIFA loan program, and our project advisory services. We welcome your feedback and questions at info@infrastructureontario.ca.

David Livingston, President and CEO

Spotlight: Durham Consolidated Courthouse

The Durham Consolidated Courthouse (DCC), expected to open in Fall 2009, will be a modern, integrated facility that will consolidate Superior Court and Ontario Court justice services currently delivered from eight locations across the Durham Region. The building — located in downtown Oshawa — will house 33 courtrooms, three motions rooms, two conference/settlement rooms and related legal and court services. The facility will be the most technologically advanced courthouse in Ontario.

The DCC will also be the most energy-efficient new Ontario government building. It will conform to the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards to ensure environmentally sustainable and healthy facilities for all users. In addition other elements will be incorporated into the design to reduce indoor air pollutants, maintain acoustic integrity, enhance airflow and thermal comfort and maximize natural lighting.

The site itself, a former brownfield, has been remediated to meet Ministry of the Environment cleanup standards. The DCC also supports the implementation of the province's new Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The redevelopment of brownfields is a key priority of the Growth Plan, which calls for the revitalization of downtowns and urban areas, the creation of complete communities, and directing infrastructure investment to support these objectives. The site design will also include a large exterior courtyard, which will create an attractive, welcoming and vibrant urban space.

Making a brownfield "green"

The design, construction and operation of the new facility will significantly reduce its environmental footprint, including:

- Some 75 per cent of the waste generated during construction will be diverted from landfills.
- The new facility will consume 54 per cent less energy than a comparable courthouse completed in 1999. It will meet LEED Silver designation and every six years will be re-certified to LEED Gold standards.
- The DCC will be certified every three years under the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Go Green Plus program, requiring development of a comprehensive environmental management system and benchmarking with other facilities in Canada.
- A green roof will be installed on the north side of the building. The roof will be planted with low-lying, drought-tolerant species and will reduce storm water runoff for the building.
- Storm water will be collected from the courtyard and roof, stored in an underground cistern and used for irrigating landscaping. Combined with ultra low-flow plumbing fixtures, waterless urinals and dual flush toilets the DCC will use 50 per cent less water for irrigation and 20 per cent less water overall for the entire facility.



AFP Project Milestones

- St. Joseph's Health Care, London (phase 1): financial close on May 9, 2007
- Sudbury Regional Hospital: financial close on May 8, 2007
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre: construction began on May 7, 2007
- Youth Justice Facility, Brampton: financial close on April 27, 2007
- Hamilton Health Sciences, Henderson General Hospital: early site work began on April 16, 2007

Projects under construction

- Montfort Hospital, Ottawa
- North Bay Regional Health Centre
- Quinte Health Care
- Sudbury Regional Hospital
- Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
- Youth Justice Facility, Brampton

AFP Project Opportunities

RFQs will be issued for the following projects:

- Woodstock General Hospital (BFM): Spring, 2007
- Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie (BF): Fall, 2007
- Bridgepoint Health (DBFM): Fall, 2007

CCPPP Breakfast Session

On April 27, Infrastructure Ontario executives met in Toronto with industry representatives at a breakfast hosted by the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships. The purpose of the session was to engage in a discussion with companies interested in Infrastructure Ontario's AFP program. Attended by more than 100 people, the event was a valuable opportunity to share views and exchange ideas on the AFP program, progress so far, and how to enhance the delivery of major infrastructure projects.

David Livingston, Infrastructure Ontario's president and CEO, opened the session with a presentation on how far the AFP program has progressed in just over a year. More than 20 projects have been brought to market, and the deal flow will continue through 2007, with opportunities in project construction and advisory roles.

Following Mr. Livingston's presentation, industry representatives had an opportunity to address questions to a panel of Infrastructure Ontario executives, including Jim Dougan, senior vice-president, Project Development and Construction; John McKendrick, senior vice-president, Project Delivery; and Bert Clark, senior vice-president, Shared Services.

OSIFA Loan Program

Infrastructure Ontario's OSIFA loan program continues to play an important role in helping a wide range of public-sector organizations build and renew their infrastructure.

In December 2006, the Ontario government expanded eligibility for the OSIFA loan program. Eligible borrowers now include: municipalities; universities; local hydro utilities; transit corporations; universities' federated and affiliated colleges; and not-for-profit long-term care service providers. These organizations can now borrow for all capital infrastructure expenditures.

Infrastructure Ontario has already seen the effects of this expansion. Recently, the first financing agreement for a university client was executed. As well, the City of Timmins has borrowed \$10.3 million for a police building and a medical office building under the expanded program.

Infrastructure Ontario representatives will be on hand to discuss loan and project advisory services opportunities at the following events:

- Central Ontario Municipal Conference (MSO-Central)
May 31, 2007
Paramount Conference and Event Venue, Vaughan
- Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Annual Conference
June 10 - 13, 2007, Kingston
- Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) Annual Training Symposium
June 24 - 26, 2007, Honey Harbour

Ask us!

We want to hear your questions about Infrastructure Ontario, our program and our services. Email us at info@infrastructureontario.ca and, each month, we'll choose a question to answer in this space.