



## **News Release**

### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ORGANIZING SOMERSET SQUARE TOUR**

*Saint John, October 13, 2009:*

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation and its Environment Committee are organizing an event called "Taking The LEED". The community is invited on October 22, 4-6pm, to a drop-in/open house and guided tour of Somerset Square, 130 Somerset Street, Saint John's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The office building, owned by Commercial Properties, has just received the prestigious Gold Level of accreditation, a first for Atlantic Canada.

The event will focus on energy efficiency within commercial and residential buildings and include tours, information and short presentations on LEED standards and their implications for the environment. Speakers will address the design, construction and benefits of LEED structures, present and future, in Saint John. They include Molly Knorr of Commercial Properties; Matt Peachman of Stantec, one of the building's major tenants; Frank McCarey of Saint John Transit, which recently opened the city's second LEED building and Warren Long of Irving Oil, which is considering the merits of LEED for their proposed new head office. Saint John Energy, Efficiency New Brunswick and TOSS Solutions will have exhibits and information on display. Refreshments will be served. The tour takes place during Small Business Week and will include members of the Saint John Board of Trade, who are helping to promote in the event.

This is the fifth public event presented by the Community Foundation's Environment Committee as a public service. They have organized six Annual Harbour Passage Garden Parties, and symposia on Children's Environmental Health, Climate Change and Drinking Water. The Committee is headed by Danny Jardine and supported by members of Lee Jamieson, Heather Quinn and Janice Waldschutz

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation serves as a trustee for charitable, educational and cultural purposes. It administers funds, large and small, donated by public-spirited citizens for the benefit of the people of Greater Saint John. Earnings from permanent endowment funds are donated to local charities for many worthy causes - youth, seniors, health & medicine, education, the arts, environment and social services. It is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, over 160 independent Community Foundations working together to help improve the quality of life in communities across Canada. Since 1976, the foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$8 M. In 2008, it donated in excess of \$271,000.00 to over 75 local charities. It will be making grants in fall, 2009.

***For further information or to contribute contact:***

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Danny Jardine, 647-2629, Environment Committee Chairman



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# Somerset Square: "Taking the LEED"

Saint John's first & Atlantic Canada's only Gold Level LEED\* Certified Building

Open House & Guided Tour  
**October 22, 4-6 pm**

130 Somerset Street

Learn about Sustainability in New Structures

\*LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)

No Pre-Registration ~ Prizes ~ Light Refreshments

Brief presentations by:



Information booths:



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