Information:

On February 25, 2009, The Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement (OCETA), the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (CPPI), and the Province of Ontario announced the release of the online Redevelopment Framework For Former Service Stations™ in the Province of Ontario. The City of Hamilton, represented by members of the Economic Development and Real Estate Division and Legal Services Division, was one of three municipalities that were part of the multi-stakeholder interdisciplinary committee that supported and contributed to the development of the Framework.

The Redevelopment Framework for Former Service Stations was developed as an online decision support tool designed to guide municipalities, property owners, developers and other key stakeholders though the redevelopment of under-utilized and abandoned service station sites.

The Framework outlines the process that stakeholders should follow when considering redevelopment of typical service stations. The Framework involves key elements, guiding principles and best practices for users to apply when considering redevelopment of former service stations. The key elements of the Framework are grouped into four stages: Setting the Stage, Evaluation and Planning, Implementation and Management. A number of specific tools have also been developed within the Framework to assist users with redevelopment. Under the Setting the Stage element,
the City of Hamilton’s renowned ERASE brownfield redevelopment Community Improvement Plan is highlighted as a Best Practice - Case Study and Example - within the Financial Incentives section.

As part of next steps for the Framework, OCETA, CPPI, and the Province of Ontario will be looking at completing municipal matchmaking session to identify possible sites as case studies and potentially pilot projects. The City of Hamilton is on the list of municipalities that will partake in such sessions.

The implementation of this Redevelopment Framework is another example of Hamilton’s concerted effort at being a leader in brownfield redevelopment in the Province of Ontario.

The on-line Framework can be found on the aboutREMEDICATION web site: http://www.aboutremediation.com/servicestations.

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