

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The City/Municipality of _____ and the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) (hereafter called “the parties”).

WHEREAS the municipality of _____ wishes to promote green energy, including ground source heat pump systems within its jurisdiction

WHEREAS the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition (CGC) provides training to designers and installers of ground source heat pump systems, accreditation of professional designers and installers, certification of residential systems and registration of commercial systems.

1. Aims of Cooperation

The parties agree to collaborate on the regulation and the promotion of quality ground source heat pump systems within the municipality’s jurisdiction based local priorities and on the CGC Global Quality GeoExchange Program requirements.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The CGC hereby agrees to provide the municipality of _____ with the following services:

- Adapted training for municipal inspectors and other officials
- Assistance in the interpretation of existing national/provincial codes and standards
- Up-to-date information on industry best practices to facilitate the permitting process
- Certification of all residential ground source heat pump systems in new and existing buildings (data collection and evaluation that can be used by cities/municipalities to calculate energy savings and greenhouse gas emission reductions)
- Registration of all commercial ground source heat pump systems
- Maintenance of and access to GeoManager, the CGC ground source heat pump systems database.
- Linkages with federal and provincial government programs

The municipality of _____ hereby agrees to consider the adoption of one or more of the following items:

- Adopt a regulation of ground source heat pump systems
- Adopt a permitting process for the installation of a ground source heat pump system in new and existing building
- With the aim of improving the energy performance of the housing building stock and to optimize the sizing of a ground source heat pump systems, require that an EnerGuide evaluation for homes be completed prior to issuing a permit



- Require that all work performed on a ground source heat pump system be performed by professionals accredited by the CGC
- Require CGC System Certification for residential applications
- Require CGC System Registration for commercial and institutional applications
- Offer innovative financing mechanisms such as local improvement charges, tax credits, interest rate buy-back, and additional incentives over existing provincial or federal incentive programs, etc.
- Require the installation of renewable energy systems, including ground source heat pumps where feasible, on new City facilities where appropriate

The CGC also hereby agrees to allow the municipality of _____ access to the visual signature of the *GeoCity/GéoCité* initiative including a license to use the trade-mark and logo, communications and public relations support.

The CGC will recognize the leadership of the municipality of _____ through its GeoCity webpage and other methods of communications such as annual conference, awards, etc.

3. Duration

This cooperation agreement will come into effect on the date of its signature. It will remain in effect unless terminated by either Party by written notice to the other Party, at least four (4) weeks prior to the intended date of termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective organizations, have signed this cooperation agreement.

Done at _____ on the ____ day of _____, _____.

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY

FOR THE CANADIAN GEOEXCHANGE COALITION

Denis Tanguay
President & CEO

Print name and title

