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# Newsletter # 15 February 9, 2009

## Eden Mills Going Out

We thought you'd like to know that Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral has been on the road in January.

### 15<sup>th</sup> annual Environmental Sciences Symposium: "Towards Climate Positive"

On Saturday, January 10, Charles Simon made a presentation on the project at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Environmental Sciences Symposium "Towards Climate Positive" at the University of Guelph.



Above: Charles Simon  
Left: John Crompton, Charles Simon, Severn Cullis-Suzuki and Les Zawadzki

Les Zawadzki recorded the presentations by Charles and Severn Cullis-Suzuki. Les and John Crompton also recorded an interview with Severn to be included in future Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral videos. Severn attended Charles' presentation and expressed great interest in the project.



Janet Wilson, who is preparing her next book with a focus on Youth and the Environment, also attended and was able to interview Severn as well.

We couldn't resist this glamorous photo of these two powerful women!



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## UnBottle It!

On Wednesday, January 14, Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral had a booth at the information fair which preceded the Unbottle It! presentation given by Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians) and Sid Ryan (CUPE). Brian Skerrett of Eden Mills played a key role in making this event a success – but he didn't find his way into any photos. Kit Bresnahan and the Youth Group were there to tell people about the Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral project, to screen the children's Carbon Neutral Anthem by Linda Hendry, as well as the short video on last year's launch, and to hand out flyers.

Guelph Mayor Karen Farbridge dropped in – she is standing in a long black coat beside the Eden Mills banner!



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## A Good Word from the Honourable George Smitherman about our Handbook “Empowering Your Home”!

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Dear Mr. Simon:

I was delighted to receive a copy of the Empowering Your Home booklet enclosed with your letter of December 17, 2008.

This booklet is an excellent tool for citizens who are interested in reducing their energy use and incorporating renewable energy technologies into their homes, and I have shared it with ministry staff. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Eden Mills for their leadership in aspiring to become North America's first carbon neutral community. As we pursue our goal of making the province's energy supply cleaner and greener, I hope more communities in Ontario are inspired to follow your example.

Thank you again for keeping me informed of your progress, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of George Smitherman in black ink.  
George Smitherman  
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