

MAYOR'S 2010 G8 SUMMIT WELCOME



Our town is currently in the busy process of planning and preparing for upcoming 2010 G8 Summit. Chosen by the Prime Minister of Canada as a community worthy and fully capable of hosting the most influential and powerful countries in the world, Huntsville is thrilled to undertake this challenge. We have hundreds of volunteers ready willing and able to assist where needed.

We are committed to showcasing our piece of paradise to the world as an ideal place to live, raise a family, and start a business. Preparing for the summit has not been easy, and every Huntsville resident can attest to the immense expenditure of time and effort that has gone into laying the foundation for a successful event. The people of Huntsville have come together to ensure that our community succeeds in not only welcoming the world, but also maximizing this tremendous opportunity to facilitate growth, progress and prosperity.

As a result of our good fortune, Huntsville has received an infusion from our partner, the federal government, exceeding \$28 million. The Town's contribution is about \$7 million. I am delighted to assure you that we have fully capitalized on this opportunity. From the outset of this process, Huntsville has appreciated the immense potential for substantive community improvements accompanying our selection. Consequently, the town has initiated, and by the time you read this, will have completed several projects of particular importance and achievement.

The Summit Centre is merely one small facet of Huntsville's G8 legacy. In addition to this exciting new facility, we are currently in the process of developing plans for our new Active Living Center. This building, which will sit adjacent to the Summit Center, has

been designed specifically with seniors and young children in mind. The Active Living Center will stand as a testament to this community's steadfast commitment to healthy living throughout all of life's stages.

Perhaps more significant than all other endeavors Huntsville has embarked upon this past year is the initiation of a long-term relationship with the University of Waterloo. This prestigious institution will soon have a beautiful, permanent facility in Huntsville, built along the shore of Cann Lake. Devoted to the study and research of environmental science and ecosystem resilience, the new UW initiative marks an exciting new beginning for Huntsville. We are honored that the University of Waterloo recognized Huntsville as an absolutely ideal place to expand its operations.

Huntsville provides UW the ability to work collaboratively with the Government of Ontario, Algonquin Park, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, to research the most pressing and critical issues facing our natural world, including medical aspects of ecosystem degradation. It is our goal to foster this wonderful relationship into something greater. Huntsville is confidently striving towards becoming a national, and perhaps even international, bastion of environmental research.

UW is located directly above Cann Lake on a piece of property recently christened "Forbes Hill," in honor of the longtime former owners, the Forbes family. This hill is immortalized in a famous painting by Tom Thomson. This area is now linked by road to the nearby Summit Centre, high school, and Muskoka Heritage Place. Forbes Hill has intentionally been developed in such a way as to easily accommodate several other building sites adjacent to the UW building. It is our expectation that these additional sites will ultimately be used for the establishment of more environmental science research facilities.

The coming of the 2010 G8 Summit and the establishment of the University of Waterloo in Huntsville are two integral components of our town's community vision. We are striving to define and brand Huntsville as a leading community for events tourism and environmental research. Our achievements this past year only serve to further solidify our town as a foremost destination for sporting events, conferences, and academic pursuit.

The investments made by the Town of Huntsville together with its partner, the Federal government, will serve the immediate needs for hosting the G8 Summit as well as providing the infrastructure for the growing economy of our region. It also creates the milieu for an intellectual community that will foster world class research here in Muskoka. That will be the G8 legacy.

Huntsville is a community that takes great pride in honoring the past while simultaneously looking with eager anticipation towards the future. The year 2010 will undoubtedly be remembered as a seminal time in the history of Huntsville. Our town is in no way lacking in ambition; in fact, spend a little time here and it will quickly become evident how passionate we are about moving our community forward.

With poise and conviction Huntsville will welcome the world. It is with the same enthusiasm, that I, on behalf of Council and everyone who calls Huntsville home invite you to take part in this exciting time.

Sincerely,
Claude Doughty
Mayor, Town of Huntsville



“A Message from the Summits Management Office:”

On June 25 and 26, 2010, Canada will host the 2010 Muskoka G8 Summit in Huntsville.

The natural beauty of Muskoka has long inspired visitors.

Summit organizers from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, led by the Summits Management Office (SMO), are working to ensure that each action necessary to host the summit is carried out in the most environmentally sensitive way possible.



The SMO will:

- Examine all summit operations, including accommodations, transportation, food services, printing and waste management, to see that they are conducted in the most sustainable way possible. Our local partners, including Deerhurst Resort, are assisting us in this effort.
- Hold regular meetings with local officials, members of environmental groups and lake associations to help us understand and minimize any possible impacts that hosting such an event might have on the environment.
- Hire a local environmental firm to complete an ecosystem impact analysis of the area around Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville to identify sensitive areas that could potentially be affected by G8 Summit operations.
- Plant several thousand trees in Muskoka, in partnership with the Muskoka Heritage Foundation, to leave a positive environmental legacy.
- Consult with leading environmental innovators and experts in an effort to highlight Canadian expertise.
- Have a strategy to reduce the impact of carbon emitted as a result of the summit by reducing emissions wherever possible and then offsetting through the purchase of carbon credits.
- Install a signature environmental project for the G8 Summit that will promote environmental stewardship, showcase Canadian environmental innovation and provide lasting environmental benefits to Huntsville.

Inquiries to our toll free 1-888-G8CAN10 phone number or messages to our email G82010@international.gc.ca are answered promptly, and information on the G8 Summit is available on our website: www.G8.gc.ca.

Integrated Security Unit (ISU)

The G8 Summit will be held at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville in late June, 2010.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as lead agency, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Canadian Forces (CF), the Toronto Police Service and the Peel Regional Police have formed the Integrated Security Unit (ISU) to provide security at the event.

The ISU's mandate is to provide a safe and secure environment for participants, visitors, protestors and area residents while minimizing disruptions to daily activities. Security measures, including road and waterway restrictions, are expected to be in place from approximately June 23 until the 27. These dates are tentative and could change.

The ISU website at www.g8isu.ca is the best source of information on summit security measures. Residents can also contact the ISU's Community Relations Group at 1-888-446-4047 or via email at: G8.ISU.CommunityRelations@ontario.ca.

Le Sommet du G8 se tiendra au Deerhurst Resort de Huntsville à la fin du mois de juin 2010. Sous la direction de la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada, la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, les Forces canadiennes, le Service de police de Toronto et la Police régionale de Peel, ont créé le Groupe intégré de la sécurité (GIS) du G8.



Le mandat du GIS est d'assurer un milieu sécuritaire et pacifique pour les participants au sommet, ainsi que pour les visiteurs, les manifestants et les résidents de la région, tout en minimisant l'impact des mesures de sécurité sur leurs activités quotidiennes.

Ces mesures de sécurité, incluant des restrictions quant à l'accès à certaines routes et voies navigables de la région, sont anticipées pour la période du 23 au 27 juin inclusivement. Ces dates sont toutefois approximatives et pourraient être modifiées.

Le site Internet du GIS au www.g8gis.ca est la source d'informations la plus fiable et la plus complète quant aux mesures de sécurité qui seront mises en place. Les résidents de la région peuvent aussi contacter les membres du Groupe des relations communautaires du GIS au 1-888-446-4047 ou par courriel au: G8.ISU.CommunityRelations@ontario.ca.