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Oil Heating Incentive Program

Dear Homeowner:

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The City of Orillia is offering an incentive rebate to upgrade old oil furnace heating systems for all properties within the 2-year Wellhead Protection Area of the two lakeshore municipal drinking water wells. Undetected oil leaks can pose a serious environmental hazard. The responsibility to clean up spills and remediate any neighbouring properties lies with the property owner. The City of Orillia wishes to reduce the risk of an oil leak impacting the water aquifer in the vicinity of these wells to further protect our drinking water supply.

The City of Orillia is offering the incentive rebate to replace your old furnace oil tank, and upgrade to a new high efficiency furnace using any fuel of your choice. The City will **rebate 33% of the cost**, to a maximum payment of **\$2,500, to replace your old furnace oil tank and piping and upgrade to a new high efficiency furnace**. In order to qualify, the existing furnace oil tank and piping must be either removed entirely or replaced with a new ULC Listed Double Wall Tank (DWT). This limited time offer is only available to properties situated within the 2-year Wellhead Protection Area. This encompasses an area bounded approximately by Tecumseth Street, Cedar Street, Lawrence Avenue and Lake Couchiching (see the map, over). The City will approve applications for rebates on a **“first come, first served”** basis until the funding is exhausted or December 15th, 2009.

It is easy to apply:

- 1) Get quotes from two licensed home heating contractors,
- 2) Submit application (attached) with contractor quotes to: David Rhead, Water/Wastewater Engineer, for approval prior to starting the work.
- 3) Once approved, get the work done by any licensed Home Heating Contractor.
- 4) Submit confirmation that the old oil tank and supply piping has been removed and/or replaced.
- 5) City will pay 33% of these costs, up to the previously agreed amount on your approved application. The City will endeavour to reimburse the Funds within 30 days of your completed documentation.

Other funding/rebate programs include:

1. Home Renovation Tax Credit -- 15% tax credit on eligible expenses
2. EcoEnergy Retrofit – combined Provincial and Federal financial assistance is available up to \$1300 for a qualified furnace. To be eligible for these rebates, homeowners must arrange a Home Energy Audit before installation of the new furnace. You can easily locate a licensed energy audit advisor in the yellow pages
3. Ontario Power Authority “Every Kilowatt Counts” – provides specific rebates for items including programmable thermostats

The Oil Heat Incentive Program is one of the City’s source water protection initiatives. If you have any questions contact me either by phone: 325-2227, email: drhead@city.orillia.on.ca or in person. **You must act fast in order to take advantage of all the potential rebates available.**

Yours truly,

David Rhead, P.Eng. MBA,
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City of Orillia 2-Year Wellhead Protection Area

