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### Hydro Ottawa Wins Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award

**OTTAWA** – Safe Communities Ottawa (SCO) is pleased to announce Hydro Ottawa as the winner of Safe Communities Canada's 2007 Ambassador for Safety Business Partner Award for Ottawa. This award was created by Safe Communities Canada to honour businesses who play a significant role in safety promotion and injury prevention in their local communities. Safe Communities Canada has granted the award to Hydro Ottawa in recognition of their outstanding leadership and commitment to health and safety in Ottawa.

"Hydro Ottawa's level of commitment to health and safety in our city is simply exemplary" says Sandra Lawson, Safe Communities Ottawa Chair. "They are a shining example of the right way to do things", she continued. "We are proud to have them as our founding corporate sponsor and encourage other business to look to them for best practices in workplace safety and community leadership." Hydro Ottawa provides leadership to the Safe Communities Board of Directors, volunteer safety trainers and financial support to SCO.

Hydro Ottawa uses a "safety accountability" approach in their own workplaces to ensure that managers are held accountable for the safety of their workers. This approach has proven highly successful. In addition, Hydro Ottawa has implemented an integrated Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental (OHSE) program under the ISO framework (an internationally recognized standard) to monitor and audit the safe work practices of contractors and staff.

In addition to workplace safety, Hydro Ottawa is also committed to safety in the community through their support of a wide variety of community based safety initiatives such as Safe Communities Ottawa's *Passport to Safety*, an on-line workplace safety training program for young people, the *Safe Communities Incentive Program (SCIP)* which provides workplace health and safety training for local businesses, the Ottawa Children's Safety Village and their school electricity safety education program, where more than 40,000 children over the past three years have learned valuable lessons about using electricity safely and wisely.

With the help of Hydro Ottawa, Safe Communities Ottawa has been given the opportunity to make great strides forward in our goal to make Ottawa the safest city in which to live, learn, work and play.



**About Safe Communities Ottawa**

Safe Communities Ottawa is a designated member of Safe Communities Canada and is a charitable organization dedicated to making Ottawa the safest city in which to live, learn, work and play. In association with Safe Communities Canada our purpose is to eliminate injuries while promoting a culture of safety through partnerships, programs and education. SCO is proud to be one of the 48 designated 'Safe Communities' across Canada.

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