

PRESS RELEASE

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REINVENTING THE WORKPLACE: CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON A NEW BUSINESS CAMPUS IN BURNSIDE

Business owners in the HRM will soon have another option for locating their business to a more environmentally sustainable work environment. The Hardman Group, a local development firm with over 40 years of real estate experience, has recently announced a new mixed-use business campus will be developed on a 15.9-acre site located in the heart of Burnside Industrial Park. Situated on a 30-foot hill on the corner of Wright Avenue and Burnside Drive, the site will be developed into a workplace which can include retail, office, hotel and showroom space. The campus will be ideally positioned in one of Atlantic Canada's most dynamic and growing business locations and will offer future tenants prime visibility and incredible, panoramic views of Halifax Harbour and Bedford Basin.

The project will be developed over a number of phases over the next several years and will include up to six office buildings totaling up to 400,000 sq ft as well as up to 50,000 sq ft of service/retail space along Wright Avenue. Site works on the project have commenced and will continue over several years until all components are completed. Building construction is expected to begin in 2010.

OUR VISION FOR A DYNAMIC BUSINESS COMMUNITY

"We have the opportunity to create buildings that combine environmental responsibility and design excellence. With creativity, a fantastic site setting and advances in building technology, we can take advantage of opportunities for responsive design in building and landscape architecture. " says Bill Hardman, President of The Hardman Group.

The Hardman Group is currently working closely with several team partners, including Ekistics Planning and Design, J. W. Lindsay, Terrain Group, Breakhouse Design and MaManna Renewable Energy and CB Richard Ellis to further develop the vision of the campus and to ensure the project is planned in a way that

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promotes sustainable development and management practices as well as respect for people visiting or working at the campus. Buildings will be positioned to take advantage of sun exposure, connection with other buildings and the natural landscape, while sizes and layouts are flexible and will be designed with tenant needs in mind. Green features will include solar, wind, water retention and geo thermal. Architectural type, infrastructure design and materials used will limit the impact on the environment and will encourage practices that will reduce our carbon footprint.

A QUALITY PROJECT

The Hardman Group has brought many award-winning projects to reality in the Maritimes, including: the Blue Cross Centre in Moncton; Horton High School in the Annapolis Valley; the re-development of Market Square in Saint John and MetroPark parkade in Halifax. The firm has also recently been selected to develop a new urban community on the waterfront in Saint John, which will include a new hotel for the City as well as commercial, retail and residential space.

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