



## Urban Leadership Award for Benny Farm

**Montréal, Québec, March 9, 2006** – Canada Lands Company CLC Limited (CLC) congratulates the members of the Benny Farm Task Force for having been selected as recipients of the Canadian Urban Institute’s 2006 Urban Leadership Award in the City Renewal Category. This national award recognizes the exemplary contribution of individuals in the revitalization and renewal of cities. The Canadian Urban Institute highlighted the influence of the Benny Farm Task Force in their promotion of attitudinal change, encouragement of public participation and transformation of the urban landscape for future generations.

Created by CLC in 2002 with a mandate to reach a community consensus on the redevelopment of the Benny Farm site in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, this group of ten individuals was able to reconcile the needs of the local population and develop a plan which received the support of citizens and municipal authorities. The proposed redevelopment includes many innovations in the area of public consultation, urban planning and sustainable development. In construction since 2004, this redevelopment has already received numerous other national and international awards.

“The Benny Farm process has become a model for urban planning in complex environments. Lessons learned from our experience with the Task Force have had a considerable impact on our practices across the country. We recognize the exceptional contribution of the Task Force members and are proud of the award they were given by the Canadian Urban Institute” outlines Jim Lynes, Acting President and CEO of CLC.

The award will be presented to the members of the Task Force by the Canadian Urban Institute at a luncheon in Toronto on June 5th.

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