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Vancouver Solar Days - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Tour the Brockton Oval Solar Hot Water installation in Stanley Park

VANCOUVER, B.C. May 10, 2010 — The solar community of Vancouver is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the Brockton Oval Solar Hot Water installation, at 3pm May 28th. The ceremony and tour is one of many events running concurrently over the two-day solar celebration.

The Brockton Oval solar hot water installation came about through a recommendation by the Vancouver Greenest City Action Team, formed to provide direction on the Greenest City Initiative. The initiative was launched by the city in 2009, with the goal is to make Vancouver the greenest city in the world by 2020.

Brockton Oval is located in the heart of Stanley Park and is the ideal location for a solar thermal demonstration project as it has great exposure to the sun as well as a large number of visitors.

Currently the hot water for the entire facility is being heated with a combination of electricity and natural gas. Flat plate solar collectors are to be installed on the roof which will heat the hot water serving the washrooms and change rooms. This will greatly reduce the amount of emissions currently being produced by Brockton Oval.

The new system will see a reduction in the use of natural gas and electricity of between 10 to 25%. In 2008 the natural gas costs in 2008 were \$6,451 and electricity costs were \$14,559. Annual carbon dioxide emission will be reduced by at least 600 kilograms.

This is the first annual BC Solar Days, running in conjunction with Europe's annual solar week, which sees over 5000 activities in 10 countries across Europe. In BC we are hosting community expos, children's fairs, solar open houses and tours, workshops and student solar competitions. Join us in this celebration. And help spread the word about solar energy in our communities.

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