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## **Kitchener's Tannery District wins national brownfields award**

KITCHENER – A key development in downtown Kitchener won a national award last night at the Canadian Brownfields Network "Brownie Awards" in Toronto. The Canadian Urban Institute's annual Brownie Awards program recognizes leadership, innovation and environmental sustainability in brownfields redevelopment across Canada.

The Tannery District in Kitchener won top honours when it was awarded best overall project in Canada for 2011. Cadan Inc., who redeveloped the former Lang Tannery, took advantage of the City of Kitchener's downtown financial incentives program and its brownfield remediation program to support this development.

"It is more than we could have hoped for! In many ways, it's a very humbling experience," said Lana Sherman of Cadan Inc. "We are profoundly grateful for the support and encouragement we've received from the amazing people working at the City of Kitchener. We would never have been able to achieve this without that support."

A joint city-region incentive program between the City of Kitchener and the Region of Waterloo also supported the redevelopment.

The 350,000 sq. ft. Tannery District, which is across the street from the University of Waterloo and the Health Sciences Centre, has been redeveloped from a factory into a space with character -- open floor plans, exposed brick and beam and state-of-the-art modern amenities. The former tannery now houses tenants from the technology, digital media and life sciences industries, as well as artisans, graphic designers and photographers.

The redevelopment can be attributed to the city's \$30 million investment in the UW School of Pharmacy.



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