



Media Release

Horizon Utilities unveils \$35,000 project to upgrade the interactive hydro gallery and fund energy conservation educational programs at Children's Discovery Centre of Niagara

(St. Catharines, ON) June 21, 2006 --- Horizon Utilities President and CEO Max Cananzi today unveiled a major upgrade of the interactive hydro gallery at the Children's Discovery Centre of Niagara and announced funding for delivery of energy conservation education programs by the Centre.

The highlight of the upgrades to the gallery is the addition of the "powerWISE[®] Home", a high-tech, energy conservation teaching aid that is the first of its kind in Canada.

The hydro gallery also includes a large doll house where children turn on lights and watch a gauge indicate how much power is used when lights are left on. There's an interactive unit known as "Hazard Hamlet" which shows children, in a hands-on way, the importance of electrical safety. A large wall map educates children on the different types of electricity generating stations and how electricity is distributed in Ontario. As well, there's an interactive light bulb display where children learn how much less energy compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use than traditional incandescent bulbs.

"Building a culture of conservation in Ontario is a key part of ensuring a reliable supply of electricity. One of the most effective ways to do that is to educate children at a young age about the importance of energy conservation," said Max Cananzi. "Children are the consumers of the future and if we can teach conservation in an interesting and interactive way, they will retain that knowledge and use it the rest of their lives."

"The Children's Discovery Centre of Niagara is an impressive and unique facility, providing interactive learning programs to thousands of children every year. Horizon Utilities is partnering with the Centre to upgrade the hydro gallery in order to ensure the staff here has the best tools available in order to provide electricity and energy conservation education." added Cananzi.

Cananzi today presented Discovery Centre representatives with a cheque for \$35,000 to fund the delivery of energy conservation education programs.

The Children's Discovery Centre of Niagara, located on Niagara Street in St. Catharines, is a not-for-profit organization providing hands-on, interactive learning experiences for children of all ages. The Centre saw over 20,000 children visit last year.

Horizon Utilities Corporation is the third largest municipally owned electricity distribution company in Ontario and provides electricity and related utility services to over 230,000 residential and commercial customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines. The company is owned by Hamilton Utilities Corporation and St. Catharines Hydro Inc. and operates out of facilities in Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Stoney Creek.

Horizon's 340 employees are committed to delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, providing unparalleled customer value and helping to create a culture of energy conservation in Ontario.

Horizon Utilities Corporation is proud to be a founding member of powerWISE[®], a brand created to promote energy conservation and reduce the demand for electricity in Ontario. powerWISE[®] is a joint initiative of the Ontario government and six of Ontario's largest electricity distribution companies. For more information, visit: www.horizonutilities.com and www.powerwise.ca.

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