



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Horizon Utilities Presents Mohawk College \$50,000 in Recognition of Energy Conservation Achievements Resulting From Campus Lighting Retrofit Project

(Hamilton, ON) September 27, 2007 – Mohawk College has been awarded a \$50,000 **powerWISE**<sup>®</sup> incentive by Horizon Utilities Corporation for the Lighting Retrofit Project that was recently completed at its Fennell Avenue campus. The **powerWISE**<sup>®</sup> Business Incentive Program was launched in 2006 by Horizon Utilities Corporation and targets qualifying businesses who performed electrical energy retrofits to conserve energy. Currently nine qualifying corporations in Hamilton have either received or are in the process of receiving incentive grants from this program. In total, \$113,000 in grants has been approved and will be dispersed before the end of the month.

Mohawk College has converted more than 8,600 fluorescent lights to new high performance T-8's and T-5's. Over the past 90 days this conversion has reduced the province's electrical energy demand by 99,000 kWh resulting in more than \$12,000 in financial savings for the College. Mohawk College proudly projects that on an annual basis these changes will result in energy reductions of more than 645,000 kWh with a financial savings in excess of \$82,000.

Horizon Utilities President and CEO, Max Cananzi, made the presentation to MaryLynn West-Moynes, President of Mohawk College on the grounds of the campus in Hamilton. "Mohawk College prides itself on innovation in the classroom. Every dollar we save in energy costs is a dollar we can invest in serving our students. The success of the Lighting Retrofit Project serves as a strong reminder to all students and faculty that innovative thinking in our daily lives can make a strong impact in the community, and in this case, the environment" said MaryLynn West-Moynes. "We are proud to take this important step towards energy conservation."

Mohawk College Student Association President Jason Lee spoke on behalf of Mohawk students. "As members of the future generation, Mohawk students know how important it is that we face the challenge of energy conservation head on." he said. "We are grateful to Horizon Utilities for providing both leadership and the tools to make Mohawk a power wise campus we can all be proud of."

Horizon Utilities, in co-operation with Ontario Power Authority (OPA), have recently renewed the **powerWISE**<sup>®</sup> Business Incentive Plan under a new offering, the Energy Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP) which will act as a catalyst to encourage commercial, industrial, institutional and agricultural customers to conserve energy through replacing old lighting, ventilation, heating, and cooling systems with updated, energy efficient ones. Information about this program is available on the Horizon Utilities website at: [www.horizonutilities.com](http://www.horizonutilities.com).

"As Mohawk College demonstrates, a lighting retrofit project is a straight-forward way for institutional customers to conserve energy, and reap the financial reward that comes with it," explains Horizon Utilities President and CEO, Max Cananzi. "By reinforcing a culture of conservation on campus, Mohawk College is inspiring their students to raise their awareness of energy consumption."

Brian Smith, Manager of Conservation and Demand Management for Horizon Utilities was on hand to walk guests through the technical aspects of the Lighting Retrofit Project. Lighting retrofits are one of the most effective energy conservation measures available. For example, replacing T-12 fluorescent lights and magnetic ballasts with more energy efficient T-8 lights saves energy. "These technologies also have the benefit of providing a better quality of light. They are quieter, last longer and overall, need less maintenance down the road," explained Smith. "This can amount to a 40-60% reduction of energy consumption."

Horizon Utilities is proud to play an active role in fostering a culture of energy conservation in Ontario. Through a variety of commercial and residential programs, Horizon Utilities offers their customers many ways to save money while reducing energy consumption. In 2006, Horizon Utilities provided customers with conservation devices and programs that will achieve energy savings in excess of 29 million kWh over the course of a year. These programs diverted 8,447 tons of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.

Interested commercial customers of Horizon Utilities can learn more about ERIP at [www.erip.ca/huc.html](http://www.erip.ca/huc.html) or other Horizon Utilities conservation incentive programs at [www.horizonutilities.com](http://www.horizonutilities.com)

### **About Mohawk College**

As a progressive and innovative educational institution, Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology strives to bring together inspiring learning, leadership and citizenship. Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology annually serves 10,000 full-time, 3,000 apprenticeship, and 300 international students, as well as 5,000 adult learners, and 42,000 Continuing Education registrants. Mohawk offers over 100 full-time programs and 1,000 Continuing Education courses to the communities of Hamilton, Burlington, Brantford and the surrounding region. Mohawk also celebrates the achievements of over 70,000 alumni.

For more information, visit [www.mohawkcollege.ca](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca)

### **About Horizon Utilities Corporation:**

Horizon Utilities Corporation is the third largest municipally owned electricity distribution company in Ontario and delivers electricity and related services to over 231,000 residential and commercial customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines. The company is committed to providing best value to its customers through the delivery of a safe and reliable supply of electricity in a cost effective manner. Horizon Utilities Corporation is owned by Hamilton Utilities Corporation and St. Catharines Hydro Inc. and operates out of facilities in Hamilton, Stoney Creek and St. Catharines. For more information, visit [www.horizonutilities.com](http://www.horizonutilities.com).

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