

Horizon Utilities presents \$1.6 million saveONenergy incentive for CityHousing Hamilton conservation efforts

Local utility partners with CityHousing Hamilton to improve energy efficiency

HAMILTON, ON – September 22, 2015 – Horizon Utilities was pleased to present CityHousing Hamilton with a \$1.6 million cheque at its monthly board meeting this afternoon.

CityHousing Hamilton Board Chair and Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins accepted the cheque on behalf of the organization. The incentive was made possible through the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) saveONenergy^{om} program which encourages municipal, commercial and industrial customers to implement projects that will use electricity more efficiently while reducing energy costs and emissions.

CityHousing Hamilton undertook several energy retrofit projects across eight of its multifamily buildings. The efforts included new air handling units, solar air heating, insulation and efficient lighting.

As a result of these measures, CityHousing Hamilton expects to see savings of more than \$2.7 million over the lifespan of the new equipment. The expected reduction in electricity use would be equivalent to powering more than 100 homes per year. In addition, CityHousing Hamilton will reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by 243 tonnes annually, or the equivalent of removing 70 cars from Ontario's roads for a year.

"Today's announcement not only highlights the important work done to keep operating costs down in our facilities, but also highlights the need for smart investments in our facilities that will not only benefit the City but the residents of CityHousing Hamilton," said CityHousing Hamilton Board Chair and City Councillor Chad Collins.

"Horizon Utilities is proud to contribute to the long-term sustainability of our community and the environment," said Max Cananzi, President & CEO, Horizon Utilities. "Energy conservation and sustainable development are at the heart of everything we do. Using the expertise and incentives that Horizon Utilities offers to reduce energy use and save money in our communities is a true benefit to all of us."

"Efficient use of electricity can help reduce energy costs and conserve energy. We're very proud of today's announcement and look forward to our ongoing partnership with CityHousing Hamilton into the future" added Cananzi.

For more information about Horizon Utilities' conservation programs and incentives offered through the IESO, please visit horizonutilities.com.

About CityHousing Hamilton

CityHousing Hamilton is the Housing Corporation owned and operated by the City of Hamilton. CHH consists of over 7,000 units spread over 1,265 properties with over 13,000 residents – 45% of which are children, speaking more than 30 first languages making CHH the 3rd largest municipally-controlled housing provider in Ontario. Our mission is to provide affordable housing that is safe, well maintained, cost effective and that supports the diverse needs of our many communities. For more information about CityHousing Hamilton, visit www.cityhousinghamilton.com.

About Horizon Utilities Corporation

Horizon Utilities Corporation is proud to be Canada's first *Sustainable Electricity Company™*, a designation of the Canadian Electricity Association. The company, which provides electricity and related utility services to 242,000 customers in Hamilton and St. Catharines, is one of the largest municipally owned electricity distribution companies in Ontario. In addition to triple bottom line reporting on its own operations, the company leverages its assets and resources to contribute to the sustainability of its communities. This includes conservation implementation through energy mapping and a customer connection policy that follows smart growth principles. Horizon Utilities' 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. The company has been named a Top 10 Employer in Hamilton-Niagara four years running. Learn more at horizonutilities.com or follow @HorizonLink.

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