

Horizon Utilities presents \$476,000 incentive for General Motors (GM) conservation efforts

Local utility partners with GM St. Catharines Propulsion Plant for lighting retrofit

(St. Catharines, ON) January 24, 2017 – Horizon Utilities presented General Motors (GM) with a \$476,000 incentive cheque following its most recent extensive lighting retrofit project.

Horizon Utilities' Conservation and Demand Management team (CDM) worked with GM to assist in finding greater efficiencies and accessing incentives offered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

The GM St. Catharines Propulsion Plant replaced 2,426 interior high bay lights, with energy efficient LED lights. The high-efficiency lights will contribute to over 8,600,000 kWh in energy savings per year. The expected reduction in electricity use would be equivalent to powering 956 homes annually. In addition, the Plant will reduce its carbon emissions by 6,049 metric tons annually, or the equivalent of removing 1,280 cars from Ontario's roads for a year.

This recent retrofit is the conclusion of the third phase in a lighting retrofit that began in 2014.

"The GM St. Catharines' project is the largest scale industrial lighting retrofit we have completed to date," said Brian Smith, Chief Conservation Officer, Horizon Utilities. "We're proud to support our local businesses and assist in finding solutions to encourage greater energy and cost efficiency. Our customers agree it makes good business sense to use our expertise and IESO incentives to reduce energy use and save money for their companies."

"GM is committed to manufacturing engines and transmissions for our customers in a safe and responsible way, with the smallest possible impact on the environment. We look at ways we can grow and strengthen our business for the long term, and that often means reducing our environmental footprint," said Peter Scott, Manufacturing Engineering Manager at GM - St. Catharines.

Efficient use of electricity can help reduce costs and conserve energy. For more information about Horizon Utilities' conservation programs and incentives offered through the IESO, please visit horizonutilities.com.



(Brian Smith, Chief Conservation Officer, Horizon Utilities presents Peter Scott, Manufacturing Engineering Manager at GM - St. Catharines with an incentive cheque for \$476,000)

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