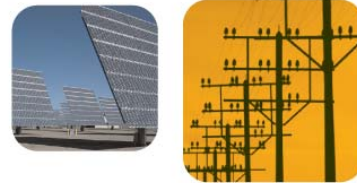


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Message from the Director - Steven Hall

In Ontario, public agencies including municipalities may soon be required by legislation to prepare and publish annual energy conservation plans. Bill 21, the *Energy Conservation Leadership Act, 2005* was recently introduced into the provincial legislature by Energy Minister, Donna Cansfield. This Bill, which is now in its third reading, will mandate that municipalities develop a plan that includes such things as an annual report on energy usage, current and forthcoming conservation measures and a summary of progress and results. Once passed, this Bill will serve as another important building block in the government's plan to create a culture of conservation in Ontario.

For now, it is our challenge as municipalities and local governments to work together and share our experiences, knowledge and assemble the tools that will help us prepare our conservation strategies. As public entities, we not only share common challenges and difficulties, but also the responsibility to demonstrate our leadership on energy and environmental matters. I look forward to working alongside many of you as we move forward in creating successful energy action plans.



Watt's New: Workplace Conservation Shows Its Value

This Fall Corporate Energy launched its "Packing Up? Power Down" program to remind Regional employees to power off computers and electronic equipment each evening. In mid November, research was conducted to measure the effectiveness of the conservation program and the results show that it is certainly making a difference.

Research reveals that 87 per cent of Regional employees now power down their computers each evening, a 30 per cent increase from pre-program behaviour. In addition to excellent participation levels, employees are now submitting great ideas for new energy conservation programs. Looks like energy conservation has a momentum all its own!

Feature: Corporate Energy Launches Its New Website

Whether you're looking for information on municipal energy management, renewable resources or just household energy conservation tips, Corporate Energy's new website brings all the essentials right to your fingertips.

With loads of useful material, helpful links plus updates on news and events, the website offers something for everyone.

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“The platform for our website is our message of ‘*Rethinking Energy*’, it’s one that sets forth a vision that joins energy, economics and the environment to reflect Peel Region’s commitment to social responsibility” explains Corporate Energy Manager, Kevin Henderson. Your feedback on the website is always great, so let us know your thoughts when you visit us online.



Visit Corporate Energy online at:
www.peelenergy.ca

Smart Water Choices in Your Home Brought to You by Water Smart Peel

Conserving water in your home is easy and can help you save money on your water bill, spend less on energy to heat water and lower the demand for electricity needed to pump water to homes. Best of all, water conservation helps protect a vital natural resource.

Understanding where water is used is the first step to saving water and energy. Here are some key tips.

Your **kitchen** accounts for 15 to 20 per cent of all the water used at home. Much of this is used for cleaning dishes. By affixing a tap aerator to your kitchen faucet you can reduce the amount of water used.

Over 20 per cent of household water is used in the **laundry room**. Front loading washers use 30 to 40 per cent less water and as much as 70 per cent less energy to operate than standard top loading machines.

The largest water consumer in the home is the **bathroom** as they use 50 per cent of total household water use. The toilet alone represents 30 per cent and the shower, bath and faucet combined consume 20 per cent.

Older toilets waste as much as 20 litres per flush. Low flow toilets can efficiently flush using only 6 litres of water. Switching to a water efficient toilet can result in significant savings on your water bill.

The Region of Peel’s water efficiency program, Water Smart Peel, is now offering a Residential Toilet Replacement Program. The program provides \$60 rebates to residents or property owners who replace inefficient toilets (13 litres or more) with new *Peel-Approved* water efficient 6 litre models. Rebates of \$100 are available for high efficiency toilets that flush with 4.8 litres or less. You can also pick up an indoor water saving kit that includes tap aerators, a low-flow shower head and much more. The kits are only \$5 and are available year round!

To learn more about Water Smart Peel, please visit: www.watersmartpeel.ca.



Working Together to Promote Conservation

