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Everpure Biodiesel teams up with Acton's Zuraw Technologies

Everpure Biodiesel Co-operative hosted an open house and tour of its new partner biodiesel production facility in Acton recently.

Everpure has recently partnered with Zuraw Technologies of Acton to produce biodiesel made from locally-sourced waste vegetable oil, recycling this waste product into an excellent fuel for diesel engine vehicles, including farm equipment, diesel trucks and cars. Biodiesel is a sustainable transportation fuel and an alternative to fossil diesel.

Zuraw Technologies has recently started full-scale biodiesel production, using 100 per cent recycled vegetable oil collected by the Everpure Co-op, as part of its "Local Sustainable Communities" pilot initiative. Waste oil is now regularly collected from more than 14 area restaurants. The Co-op is on track to recruit more restaurants to the project over the course of the summer.

Zuraw Technologies has plans to

expand its production capacity tenfold within the next year, from 500 litres per week to 5,000. This initiative will generate green jobs in the local economy as Zuraw and Everpure strive to meet the regional demand for biodiesel, especially in the local agricultural community.

Everpure currently supplies several regional businesses, drivers and farmers with a sustainable fuel, while it keeps revenue circulating within the local economy.

The Co-op is in its third season of operation, and has more than 75 members from around the area—which covers Guelph to Georgetown to Orangeville. Everpure now operates three area self-serve locations for driver members to fill their vehicles, and operates a bulk delivery service for larger customers such as farms.

For further information contact Everpure Biodiesel Co-op, 519-217-3557, www.everpurebiopd.ca or e-mail info@everpurebiopd.ca



Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong fuels up at the new Everpure Biodiesel Co-operative production facility in Acton at an open house recently. Everpure president Jay Mowat (right) recently partnered with Zuraw Technologies of Acton to produce biodiesel from used vegetable oil supplied by local-area restaurants, recycling the waste product as fuel for diesel engine vehicles, including farm equipment, trucks and cars. The federal government recently invested \$2 billion in facilities such as the Everpure co-op to meet its mandate for 2012, by which time two per cent of all diesel fuel sold will consist of the environmentally renewable biodiesel variety.

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