

Cargill Ltd. takes advantage of hydro incentive program

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A local cocoa and chocolate product company is reaping the benefits of its energy efficiency projects after receiving a \$27,360 incentive payment from Halton Hills Hydro.

Cargill Limited facility manager Ryan Browne said the company has a strong commitment to sustainability and is committed to address climate change through reducing greenhouse gas intensity and improving energy efficiency.

"Working with Halton Hills Hydro has helped us achieve those goals at our Georgetown Plant," he said.

"It represents 20 per cent of our project and it goes a long way."

The plant replaced com-

pressors with new energy efficient variable frequency drive compressors and made repairs to eliminate compressor system leaks. Annual electricity savings are estimated at 216,939 kWh - enough to power 21 Ontario homes for a year.

This retrofit will also help Cargill achieve its climate change goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Expected reductions are 144.7 tonnes of CO₂, 642.6 kg of SO₂ and 134 kg of NO_x.

This project qualified for funding incentives equaling up to 50 per cent of the installed system cost. Funding comes from Halton Hills Hydro through the Independent Electricity System Operator saveONenergy program.

Halton Hills Hydro president and CEO Art Skid-

more said several other local businesses have expressed interest in taking part in its conservation programs.

"We've just passed our halfway point of our six-year program and we're at about 63 per cent of our target," he said.

"It's great that businesses of Halton Hills are participating in saveONenergy programs and we encourage more of them to take advantage of something like Cargill did. It really increases their return on investment."

Halton Hills Hydro offers a variety of energy conservation programs for both commercial and residential customers through the saveONenergy programs. Visit HaltonHillsHydro.com.



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From left, Linda Boyer and Art Skidmore of Halton Hills Hydro present an incentive payment to project engineer Adam Slater and facility manager Ryan Browne of Georgetown's Cargill Limited recently.

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