

Cool Shops Program is a bright idea for Milton small businesses

By ANN KORNUA

It was another un-seasonable scorcher of a morning at Troy's Diner where normally the air conditioning would be racking up the hydro bill for the small Main Street business owner. Thankfully, Troy has no fears when opening that monthly bill since he is the first small business taking part in Milton's new Cool Shops program. The program supported by Milton Hydro will save small business owners money on their hydro bills and help improve the air quality by reducing energy consumption. On October 4th at Troy's Diner, Mayor Gord Krantz, MPP Ted Chudleigh, and President and CEO of Milton Hydro Don Thorne helped launch the new program under the Clean Air Foundation program that will assist the small commercial business owners across

ers in Milton can save money and help make the community a greener environment.

"Our energy needs will continue to grow, so I am very supportive of initiatives taken by any individual or business that will save money while conserving energy," noted Mayor Gord Krantz. "It is through programs like this and the participation of small commercial businesses in our community that makes energy conservation successful."

Cool Shops street teams will visit 250 small commercial businesses with new smart meters to show them how the newly installed Time of Use electricity prices work. They will assist the merchants with the new transitions and the Cool Shop team will offer free energy assessments to encourage both

Ottawa, London, Peterborough, Markham, and Milton. The Ontario Ministry of Energy along with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Natural Resources Canada, and Milton Hydro supports the Cool Shops program.

By saving money by reducing their energy consumption, Troy will not only be saving money to help grow his restaurant, but will help reduce energy consumption and improve air quality. "Cool Shops contacted me and they came in and evaluated the restaurant and gave me ideas on how I could save more energy and cut down on my hydro costs," Troy explained. "If I changed all the items they were requesting I would save over \$650 a year. It is definitely the way to go and especially with hydro costs going up each month, it is definitely something you would



Mayor Gord Krantz serves Diner owner Troy Newton a cup of coffee for his support in Milton's Cool Shop program. From left are Mayor Gord Krantz, CEO of Milton Hydro Don Thorne, MPP Ted Chudleigh, Coordinator for Milton Hydro Wendy Somerville, Cool Shop Manager Cara Sweeny, Cool Shop Program representatives Chantal Dalgliesh and Alyssa Smith, and owner of Troy's Diner Troy Newton.

want to do to save some money." Troy is almost finished installing his new energy saving equipment, such as new light bulbs and ceiling fans, in his restaurant and is looking forwards to his future savings, all thanks to Cool Shops.

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Good Morning Dave
I own a 2003 Saturn Vue. I had the front brakes replaced and I hear a noise when I apply the brakes in the morning. This has happened since the last brake job. The repair company says its just humidity/moisture and not to worry about it. My question is how come it does it now but never did it when I had the original new brakes? Thanks for your help.

Marg
The shop is absolutely correct...We call this problem "morning sickness". The parts actually develop a coating of rust over night. The first application of the brakes scrapes off this layer causing noise. As brakes wear a small layer of friction material imbeds itself in the surface of the brake rotor. This material can act as "paint" and prevents the rust from forming. In short the grinding noise should stop as the brakes are bedded in. By the way avoid hard application of the brakes during break-in (200 kms). Being harsh during this period can lead to squealing when the brakes are applied.

Hi Dave
I drive a 2004 Honda Accord. My transmission has D4 and D3 on the shifter consul. I'm not quite sure which one I should select. Help!

Stan
The most common automatic transmission in use today is a 4-speed unit. By selecting D4 you will have access to all four gears available. The fourth gear in most vehicles is an overdrive. The gearing is referred to as tall. It allows the engine to turn slower on the hwy. The car runs quiet and easy, giving better mileage. When you select D3 you lock out the fourth gear. This setting will spin the engine faster...more power, engine braking and more noise. I use D3 around town and D4 on the open road. Manufacturers are currently developing 8 speed units to try and improve fuel economy. I wonder how many D's we'll have to choose from when these units are in service?

Dave Redinger, a mechanic with over 40 yrs of experience, has operated his shop "DOCTOR H HONDA SPECIALISTS" in Toronto for the last 24 years.
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