

Growing 5% per year since 1983

Hydro programs aim to save energy in industry

By KAREN SMITH

You can't stop the inevitable, but you can push it back a few years.

That's the philosophy of Ontario Hydro in its attempt to meet the province's electricity needs to the year 2014.

By that time, Ontario will be using 50 to 100 per cent more electricity than it currently does. If no action is taken, the province's demand for electricity will soon surpass Ontario Hydro's ability to supply it.

To slow the rate of growth in the province's power demand, representatives from local companies met with the Milton and Ontario hydro commissions at Hugh Foster Hall Wednesday.

Energy saving

Ontario Hydro is proposing a plan to lessen the amount of electricity used by its industrial and commercial customers while minimizing environmental effects and maintaining reasonable prices, said Michael Hodder, industrial energy supervisor for the company.

Mr. Hodder said it is more economical for Ontario Hydro to help companies convert to

energy-saving methods than to build a new hydro facility.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz welcomed the audience of about 20 business people who attended the three-hour seminar which included six guest speakers.

"A lot of us just take the use of hydro for granted," he said.

"It's not going to be there if we don't look after it."

To help companies become more energy efficient, Ontario Hydro has developed the Energy Management Challenge — an innovative program of four new services ranging from energy audits to incentives and flexible financing options.

Power saver services include several options to help identify potential electrical savings in company operation. A free audit

provides a detailed computer profile of electricity consumption, an energy use comparison with similar companies, a list of energy efficiency opportunities and advice on the appropriate hydro incentive program.

Lighting services allow companies to enjoy the same or improved lighting levels at lower costs. Ontario Hydro will provide up to 50 per cent of the cost of converting lighting systems to more efficient ones. Rebates on the purchase of high efficiency fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent fixtures are also available. Motor services include a cash rebate of \$12 per horsepower for new 1 to 200 horsepower electric motors. Efficient motors lower transformer loading

and reduce the amount of electricity required.

But, what works for one industry doesn't necessarily work for another, said Mr. Hodder. That's why Ontario Hydro developed customized services to fulfill specific needs.

Accelerated paybacks for industry provides companies with the opportunity to reduce payback periods on energy efficient equipment and process changes.

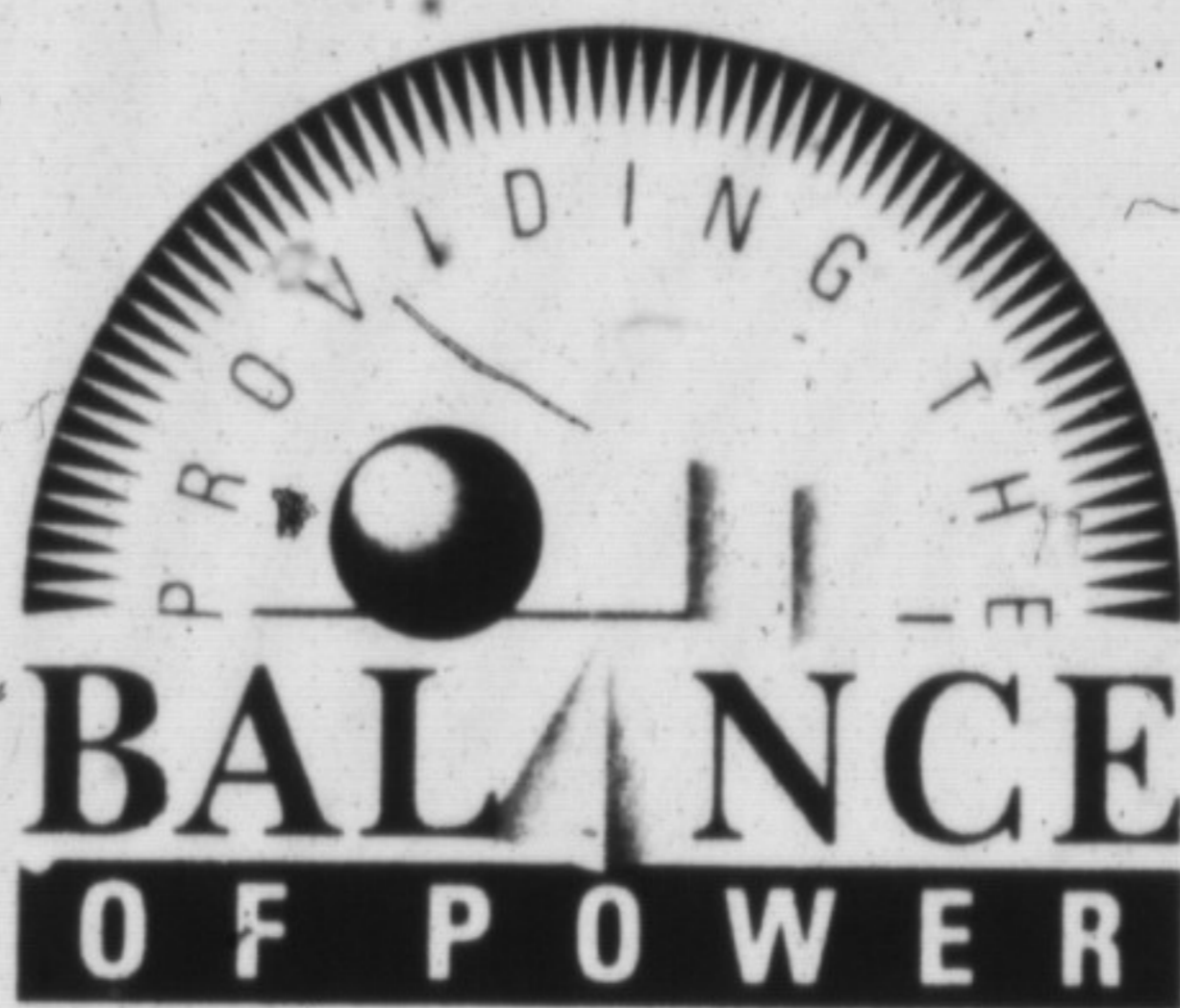
Saved \$250,000

A representative of Karmax Heavy Stamping in Milton said the company has saved at least \$250,000 through Ontario Hydro programs.

Ontario has been using about five per cent more electricity each year since 1983, said Mr. Hodder.

This means the province's total demand is increasing year after year by an amount of power equal to the output of one Darlington reactor.

For more information on the programs for your company, contact either the Milton or Ontario hydro commissions.



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The Town of Milton is planning to reconstruct Pine Street from Fulton Street to Ontario Street beginning May of 1990. This proposed reconstruction is based upon a design project undertaken by the Town in 1988.

A public information centre has been arranged to permit interested area residents to review the contract plans and become familiar with the reconstruction proposed. The information Centre will be an informal meeting where citizens will be able to drop in at their convenience to review the plans with representatives from the Town. Please be advised that some "Tree Removals" will be a necessary part of this reconstruction.

None of the work will be charged as local improvement against your property. The public information Centre will be held on the following day:

Thursday, March 8, 1990
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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