

The Huron Club racks up cool energy savings

SAVINGS:

Received in FREE upgrades:

\$2,053

Cost to the Business:

\$0

Annual Energy Savings:

\$1,785



Busy Collingwood restaurant reduces operating costs by switching to energy-efficient refrigeration.

Ian Duff is the first to admit that when he learned he could significantly lower his electricity costs by installing new energy efficient motors in his restaurant's fridges and freezers, he was skeptical. But now that Collus PowerStream has completed the upgrade, he's seeing the results first-hand. Today, his bottom line is looking better than ever.

“The Business Refrigeration Program is a terrific initiative. I would highly recommend it to other businesses that want to reduce their operating and square footage costs.”

Challenge:

The Huron Club is a 3,400-square-foot facility, located in a heritage building in downtown Collingwood. Duff and his wife Joanne have owned the business since 2010, and next to labour, energy is one of their highest fixed costs. Refrigeration is near the top of the list for what consumes the most electricity because food and beverage quality depend on consistent refrigeration temperatures.

Taking Action:

In 2016, the motors in two walk-in fridges, one walk-in freezer and three under-the-counter fridges in the kitchen's prep area were replaced with new energy-efficient motors. New fridge and freezer curtains were also installed to help keep cool air in and minimize condensation. The results are impressive: According to Duff, the restaurant is saving approximately 13,500 kilowatt-hours a year, which means just over \$1,700 in pure savings.

Ease of Installation:

“It was the easiest thing in the world,” said Duff. “The contractor came in for a couple of hours on a day when the restaurant was closed. He switched all the motors, at no cost to me, and provided a two-year warranty. I was very pleasantly surprised.”

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