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Pilkington's conservation effort removes the equivalent of 177 homes off the grid *Collingwood glass manufacturer receives cheque for \$146,049 for energy retrofits*

COLLINGWOOD, ON – [Collus PowerStream](#) recognized [Pilkington Glass of Canada](#) with a \$146,049 cheque for reducing its electricity consumption by participating in the utility's Save on Energy [Retrofit program](#). The electricity savings are equal to removing 177 homes off the grid or 1/3 of the homes in Thornbury and will result in annual electricity savings of \$175,000 for the company.

Collus PowerStream worked with Pilkington, whose plant in Collingwood manufactures laminated automotive windshields, to facilitate this project which involved the upgrades to the plants compressed air system and dryers. This project included the installation of a 700 horsepower variable speed air compressor and three air dryers. The result of this Retrofit led to Collus PowerStream giving Pilkington the largest ever customer incentive cheque since the program began in 2007.

"Last year a Collus PowerStream CDM Account Specialist visited our plant to discuss the energy conservation opportunities for our facility. After seeing an old air compressor system, he told us about the incentives available to replace this piece of equipment. Having a dependable air compressor system is critical for our operations and the old system didn't have sufficient backup capacity" said Ed Noordink, Chief Operating Engineer, Pilkington Glass of Canada (Collingwood). "After learning about the incentives available through the Save on Energy program, plant staff developed a plan to upgrade the system to a newer, more energy-efficient compressor system and the new system went into operation this spring."

Pilkington recognizes the long-term value of lowering their electricity costs and renewing their assets through energy efficiency upgrades, while ensuring on-going reliability for their critical plant processes. In addition to this project, they previously completed a rooftop air conditioner upgrade and are currently working on making lighting improvements, retrofitting motor controls and replacing other air conditioning units. The incentives available through Collus PowerStream's Save on Energy programs have become an important part of Pilkington's planning process as they make energy efficiency upgrades throughout their facility.

"We are pleased to present Pilkington Glass of Canada with our largest ever incentive cheque and to recognize them as a community Energy Conservation Champion" said Cindy Shuttleworth, Chief Financial Officer, Collus PowerStream. "Working with Collus PowerStream, Pilkington was able to use the expertise and knowledge we have to complete the retrofit process and to realize the incentives available through the Save on Energy Retrofit program to save energy and money for their business."

This one project represents 6.5% of Collus PowerStream's total electrical savings target for all residential and business customers as set out in the [Conservation First Framework](#) for the 2015-2020 timeframe.

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The Save on Energy Retrofit program is funded by the [Independent Electricity System Operator \(IESO\)](#) and offered by Collus PowerStream as part of a suite of energy conservation programs. The Save on Energy programs help Ontarians conserve electricity and help them manage their electricity bills as part of Ontario's long-term goal to save energy, reduce its financial and environmental cost and support local employment.

For more information on the full range of Save on Energy programs available for residences and businesses in Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and Thornbury, visit: www.CollusPowerStream.ca or follow us on Twitter [@CollusPower](#).

About Collus PowerStream

Collus PowerStream is a jointly-owned utility by the Town of Collingwood and Alectra Utilities Corporation (formerly PowerStream) and provides reliable electricity to customers in Collingwood, Stayner, Creemore and Thornbury. Together, we will grow, maximize opportunities and exceed customer and shareholder expectations.

About Pilkington Glass of Canada

Pilkington Glass is part of a global family of companies, with a manufacturing plant located in Collingwood, Ontario. The Collingwood facility manufactures automotive windshields for GM, Chrysler, Honda and other major automotive customers. Pilkington Glass is one of Collingwood's largest employers.



Photo Caption:

Collus PowerStream presents their largest-ever Retrofit incentive cheque of \$146,049 to Pilkington Glass of Canada for the installation of energy efficient industrial air compressors and dryers in their Collingwood plant. Pictured L-R: Ron Young, Engineering Group Leader, Pilkington Glass of Canada; Sara Almas, Co-chair Collus PowerStream Board of Directors; Cindy Shuttleworth, CFO, Collus PowerStream; Brian Hammond, Plant Manager, Pilkington Glass of Canada; Ed Noordink, Chief Operating Engineer, Pilkington Glass of Canada; Robert Gregoris, CDM Account Specialist, Alectra Utilities

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