
Reducing Electricity Costs for Sault Area Hospital

Fair Hydro Plan Benefitting Local Hospital

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NEWS

Ontario is supporting Sault Area Hospital with measures to help reduce its electricity bills.

Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy and MPP for Sudbury, made the announcement today at Sault Ste Marie's community hospital, highlighting the benefits many organizations and companies will see, as a result of recent expansions to the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) under Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

The ICI allows large electricity users to lower their electricity costs by up to one-third by reducing their electricity use during peak hours.

Starting July 1, 2017, Ontario has expanded this program to provide electricity bill reductions to more organizations and businesses across the province, including:

- All electricity consumers with average monthly peak demand greater than 1 megawatt (MW)
- Electricity consumers with an average monthly peak demand greater than 500 kilowatts (kW) and less than 1 MW in the manufacturing and greenhouse sectors.

The Fair Hydro Plan is reducing electricity costs for households in the province by 25 per cent on average, with rates held to inflation for four years.

Reducing electricity costs is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

QUOTES

"With the recent expansions to the Industrial Conservation Initiative, included in Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, eligible organizations that reduce their peak energy consumption will see their electricity bills lowered. These savings will help ensure Sault Area Hospital can continue to offer high-quality health care services to patients in Sault Ste. Marie."

— Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy and MPP for Sudbury

"I would like to thank the provincial government for expanding the eligibility for the Industrial Conservation Initiative to include organizations like the Sault Area Hospital. Energy efficiency and the reduced costs will provide the Sault Area Hospital with additional resources to support quality health care for our community, as well as contribute to a healthier environment."

— Christian Provenzano, Mayor, Sault Ste. Marie

“Having recently joined the Industrial Conservation Initiative, Sault Area Hospital is proud to be working with the Province and our local PUC to reduce peak energy consumption in Ontario, while helping to safeguard the electrical grid for years to come. The recent changes to the ICI program should allow us to see substantial savings on our electrical utilities due to our usage patterns. This partnership is just one more example of how we, at Sault Area Hospital, have exceptional people working together to provide outstanding care in Algoma.”

— Ron Gagnon, President & CEO, Sault Area Hospital

“We were pleased to see the eligibility criteria expanded for the ICI. Opening up programs like this one to more customers will be a powerful addition to the toolbox we use to help customers reduce their bills. We look forward to rolling out this program to our eligible large industrial customers to maximise the conservation initiatives now available to them.”

— Kevin Bell, Vice President, Customer Engagement & Business Development, SSM PUC

QUICK FACTS

- In 2016, ICI is estimated to have reduced peak demand by approximately 1,300 MW. The expansion of this program reduces cost pressures for participants, while having the added benefit of deferring the need to build new peaking generation facilities in the longer term.
- The province has expanded the Ontario Electricity Support Program, providing 50 per cent more support through monthly credits for people with low incomes and increasing eligibility, effective May 1, 2017.

LEARN MORE

- [The Industrial Conservation Initiative](#)
- [Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan](#)
- [Read Premier Wynne's statement announcing Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan](#)

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