

## Available Energy Incentives for the Non-profit Sector:

### Power Saving Blitz

**Description:** Delivered locally by Peterborough Green-Up and offered by Ontario Power Authority and Peterborough Distribution Inc. The Power Saving Blitz program provides qualifying small businesses with free energy- efficient upgrades and installations as well as water heating retrofits valued up to \$1000.

**Benefit:** Changing your lights and EXIT signs helps to reduce your energy consumption and save a great deal on your utility bills. Softer light options are available which can help with the environment of your space.

**Process:** Have a Power Saving Blitz Advisor from Peterborough Green-Up do an assessment. Once your assessment is complete, a work order is generated and you can discuss and agree on what measures best work for your business. If the recommendations exceed the maximum, you can choose to do only \$1000 in retrofits, or go above and beyond- it's your choice!

**Requirements:** Must be a small commercial business in the office or non-food sector whose electricity usage is less than 50kW. Applicants must be Peterborough Distribution Inc. customers.

**How to get started:** Call Peterborough Green-Up at (705) 748-3238 and ask to speak to their Power Saving Blitz Coordinator. They will help you set up a time that is convenient for an advisor to come by and do an audit.

### **Check it out:**

[http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy\\_Conservation/Power\\_Savings\\_Blitz.htm](http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy_Conservation/Power_Savings_Blitz.htm)

➤ Available until funding runs out.

### Peaksaver

**Description:** Helps you arrange the installation of a programmable thermostat that allows you to briefly reduce the air conditioning electricity usage during peak times.

**Benefits:** The program does not cost anything and you receive \$25 just for participating! Participating helps lower your energy consumption and operation costs. It also helps lower electricity prices in our area by helping to reduce the demand of electricity.

**Process:** Call Peterborough Distribution Inc. to set up a time to have your programmable thermostat installed. It's that simple!

**Requirements:** If you do not own your property you will need to get a letter of permission from your landlord. You must be a Peterborough Distribution Inc. customer. Businesses are eligible if the air conditioners and water heater are approximately the same size as those used by residential customers.

**How to get started:** Contact Peterborough Distribution Inc. at (705) 748-6900 to enroll.

**Check it out:**

[http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy\\_Conservation/Be\\_a\\_neighborhood\\_power\\_star\\_with\\_Peaksaver.htm](http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy_Conservation/Be_a_neighborhood_power_star_with_Peaksaver.htm)

**Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP)**

**Description:** Delivered locally by Peterborough Green-Up and offered by Ontario Power Authority and Peterborough Distribution Inc. ERIP focuses on the areas of lighting, motors, heating ventilation, air conditioning and overall electricity systems. The Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program is made up of two project types: Prescriptive and Custom. Prescriptive measures are predefined measures while custom measures are more specific solutions. Financial incentives will be available for pre-approved projects that result in measured energy savings.

**Benefits:** If your agency is already planning to make some changes or is already in the process, this is a great program to look into. The incentive is based on energy savings. You will be awarded the lesser of \$150/ kW saved or 50% of the project cost.

**Process:** You need to start by assessing your needs as a business. What changes are you planning to make? What new electricity upgrades and retrofits would be appropriate? This program provides incentives to influence these decisions in favor of the most electricity efficient choice. Once you have made these decisions, contact Peterborough Green-Up to get an application. They will help you with this process. Once you get approval you can follow through with your planned retrofits. Once the installations have been verified, the program will reimburse you.

**Requirements:** Applicants must be Peterborough Distribution Inc. customers. Funding is based on the conservation measures that have been adopted. You must demonstrate a savings of at least 5kw per year.

How to get started: Call Peterborough Green-Up at (705) 748-3238 and ask to speak to their Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program Coordinator. They can help you with your application and answer any of your questions.

**Check it out:**

[http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy\\_Conservation/Electricity\\_Retrofit\\_Incentive\\_Program.htm](http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy_Conservation/Electricity_Retrofit_Incentive_Program.htm)

➤ Available until December 31, 2010.

**ecoEnergy for Buildings**

**Description:** Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency offers this program. ecoEnergy Retrofit is a financial incentive program for existing homes, buildings and industrial processes. ecoEnergy for Buildings is specific to businesses and would most likely be the stream under which you would be applying under. However, if your agency owns residential spaces, you can apply under ecoEnergy for Homes. There are a lot of options!

**Benefits:** The eligible incentive is based on the lowest of the following three amounts: \$10 per gigajoule (277.8 kilowatt hours) of estimated annual energy savings; 25 % of eligible project costs; or \$50,000 per project (\$250,000 per organization).

**Process:** If you think there might be ways to save energy in your building, get an energy audit. Once you apply and get a confirmation, you can begin retrofits. You have up to 12 months to complete your project. Once complete, you will need to send a *Final Report Form* and a *Claim for Payment Form* by e-mail. You will receive a cheque from the Government of Canada for the total eligible incentive after you have completed the project and the work has been verified.

**Requirements:** Organizations that own, manage or lease commercial or institutional space can apply. The building cannot exceed 20 000 square meters. An additional requirement is that a pre-project energy audit must be completed prior to application. This involves hiring an approved NRCan engineer to do an energy audit of your space. This process comes with a fee but provides a very details report of your building including recommendations. The fee may range from \$500 to \$1500, depending on the space.

**How to get started:** You will need to have an audit of your space done first. Call Peterborough Green-Up at (705) 748-3238 and they can help connect you with an approved commercial space energy auditor.

**Check it out:** <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/corporate/retrofit-summary.cfm?attr=0>

➤ Available until March 31, 2011

### **Additional Sites of Interest:**

Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC):  
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/industrial/cipec.cfm?attr=24>

Energy Efficiency in New Buildings:  
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/commercial/newbuildings.cfm?attr=24>

Information on Energy Star qualifying products:  
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energystar/english/consumers/index.cfm>

Peterborough Utilities Group: Energy Conservation:  
[http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy\\_Conservation.htm](http://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Electric/Energy_Conservation.htm)

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation:  
<http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/>