Woodstock Issues Blackout Challenge

ISSUE: Woodstock City Council extends a friendly challenge to all Ontario municipalities to meet or exceed a 4% reduction in electricity consumption on Sunday, August 13th, 2006.

Background:
Last year, the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee (WEAC) and Woodstock Hydro challenged the City to participate in a Voluntary Blackout Day on the anniversary of the 2003 Blackout. Residents and businesses were asked to reduce their power consumption to raise awareness of how integral our power supply is to daily life as well as the benefits of energy conservation. The result was a 4% reduction in energy usage and almost a 5% reduction in the peak demand for the day.

Woodstock challenges all Ontario municipalities to join in this year’s event on Sunday, August 13, 2006, to help us all exceed a 4% reduction in province-wide energy consumption. This action would collectively reduce the provincial demand by 845 MWs and 17,000 MW hours, or the equivalent of powering 680,000 homes.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will assist participating municipalities in monitoring electrical usage and determining energy savings. Interested municipalities should also contact their local electrical utility.

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