

Celebrate Earth Hour this Saturday in Caledon

Turn out the lights for Earth Hour.

This year marks the 10th annual Earth Hour, which will take place this Saturday (March 24) from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Town will be participating in a 'lights out' campaign in an effort to demonstrate its commitment to climate change action.

'We have actively participated in Earth Hour since 2008 and throughout the years, I've learned that every little bit counts,' Mayor Allan Thompson said. 'I encourage everyone to participate in Earth Hour and share your stories online by using #EarthHourCaledon.'

The Town will participate in this year's campaign by, turning off all unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas at Town Hall, Mayfield Recreation Complex, the Fire Administration offices, Lloyd Wilson Arena, OPP Detachment (subject to events), Cheltenham Community Hall, Fire Halls (subject to events), Margaret Dunn Library, Caledon East Community Complex, Inglewood Community Centre (with the exception of the stage performance area), Alton Community Centre, Caledon Village Place, Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness, Victoria Parks Community Centre and Albion-Bolton Community Centre.

The ice arenas will be shut down when unoccupied during the hour at Lloyd Wilson Arena, Mayfield Recreation Complex, Albion-Bolton Community Centre and Caledon East Community Complex.

The Mayfield Recreation Complex and Lloyd Wilson Arena will be taking additional measures beyond just 'lights out' by shutting down and unplugging all unnecessary equipment, including compressors for the arena, shower water heaters and appliances; turning down and shutting off the furnace and baseboard and wall heaters; unplugging the ice scraping equipment and water heater; and turning off the parking lot and road sign lights.

The Town encourages the community and businesses to participate in Earth Hour's 'lights out' campaign. Last year, according to Hydro One records, the Caledon community's electricity reduction beat 2016 results by 5.1 per cent.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will be hosting an extended Earth Hour Celebration Saturday night from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Albion Hills Field Centre, 16555 Humber Station Rd.

Bring the family for an evening of adventure and experience the park at night. Learn about nocturnal animals, light pollution, climate change and tips for reducing energy consumption at home.

Register online at: https://trca.ca/event/earth-hour/?instance_id=3019

Earth Hour originated in Sydney, Australia in 2007 to take action on global climate change. Earth Hour is the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment that is coordinated by the World Wildlife Fund and other volunteer organizations. This movement spans over 187 countries, 7,000 cities and 24 time zones and inspires energy conservation action amongst millions of people.