

Earth Hour results are in, and Caledon did well

The Town of Caledon community took part in Earth Hour March 28, and contributed to a reduction in electricity demand. The Town has reported that many residents and businesses, as well as Town Hall, turned off their lights from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in recognition of the hour and the impacts of climate change. This simple action saw a 11.5 per cent reduction in electrical demand, a three per cent improvement over the results from 2014.

The Earth Hour movement, since its inception in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, has started a new call to action. Called "Going Beyond the Hour," it asks that supporters make a difference every hour in the fight against climate change.

Some examples of the Town's efforts include the updating of their Energy and Environment strategic plans, implementing a new idling bylaw and promoting it through the schools by hosting a School Anti-idling Video Contest, organizing a number of educational and interactive Earth Week events for staff, as well as initiating a Community-based Marketing Pilot Project on Sustainable Transportation in Southfields Village.

For more information on the Town of Caledon's environmental work, contact environment@caledon.ca