

Town receives federal funding for energy-efficient upgrades to Caledon East Community Complex

\$336,688 grant delivered through Government of Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program

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A local community complex will be getting some eco-friendly updates thanks to a government grant.

On March 18, the Town of Caledon announced it had received \$336,688 from the Federal Government's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GCIB) program. The money will be used at the Caledon East Community Complex (CECC) to retrofit 14 natural gas heaters at the end of their lifespan with electric radiant heaters.

According to a Town news release, the heaters will improve indoor air quality, save energy, and provide enhanced comfort for CECC users.

Caledon will also be expanding its Building Automation System (BAS) at the CECC. The system allows staff to manage energy throughout the building based on real-time conditions.

By optimizing operations and equipment runtimes, this system will further reduce energy consumption, operational costs, and emissions," reads the news release.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said the upgrades are "an important step forward in making our facilities more energy-efficient, reducing our environmental footprint, and enhancing the experience for residents who use our facilities."

According to the news release, the upgrades should result in a 30.4 per cent reduction in total building energy consumption meaning 131 tonnes less carbon dioxide emissions annually. This is equivalent to taking 24 cars or light trucks off the road for a year.

Domenica D'Amico, Caledon's Commissioner of Engineering, Public Works and Transportation, said Caledon is committed to investing in sustainable infrastructure that improves the overall functionality of its facilities.

"With this funding, we are modernizing the Caledon East Community Complex while contributing to our goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 and creating a comfortable and environmentally responsible space for residents to enjoy," said D'Amico.

The CECC upgrades are expected to be complete by the end of this year.