

York U Receives more than \$1 million for reducing its Energy Load



TORONTO, May 27, 2015 – What can a 3,000-ton steam turbine chiller do for a university the size of a small city? Reduce its energy consumption enough to get <u>two large rebate cheques</u> from Toronto Hydro (\$1,030,480) and Enbridge Gas Distribution (\$44,611).

And, help save the environment by reducing the University's carbon footprint.

York University celebrated the success of its YORKW!SE Energy Conservation and Retrofit Project this afternoon. The cheques were presented by Michael Marchant of Toronto Hydro and Mike Lister of Enbridge.



The results are that York U has:

- reduced its annual electrical consumption by 5,231,000 kWh
- saved more than 4,000 tons of CO2 from entering the environment
- saved \$523,101 per year on electricity
- reduced its energy use by 30 per cent since 2007



York U is a three-time winner of the Canada's Greenest Employer award. It was also ranked second by *Corporate Knights* magazine on its <u>Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders</u> list for 2015.

Photo caption:

Michael Marchant, Toronto Hydro Director of Customer Data and Engineering Services (second from left), and Mike Lister, Enbridge Gas Distribution's Senior Manager of Energy Solutions (right), presented energy rebate cheques today to York University Vice-President Finance & Administration Gary Brewer (centre), Director of Energy Management Brad Cochrane (left), and Richard Francki (second from right), Assistant Vice-President, Campus Services & Business Operations.

York University is helping to shape the global thinkers and thinking that will define tomorrow. York U's unwavering commitment to excellence reflects a rich diversity of perspectives and a strong sense of social responsibility that sets us apart. A York U degree empowers graduates to thrive in the world and achieve their life goals through a rigorous academic foundation balanced by real-world experiential education. As a globally recognized research centre. York U is fully engaged in the critical discussions that lead to innovative solutions to the most pressing local and global social challenges. York U's 11 faculties and 25 research centres are thinking bigger, broader and more globally, partnering with 280 leading universities worldwide. York U's community is strong – 55,000 students, 7,000 faculty and staff, and more than 275,000 alumni.

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