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## **CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER'S CONSERVATION TEAM DELIVERS BIG SAVINGS FOR RIDGEMAN LIONS SENIOR CITIZENS COMPLEX**

**FORT ERIE, ONTARIO (April 14, 2014)** - Canadian Niagara Power Inc.'s Conservation & Demand Management Team ("CDM") has delivered big savings, and a big incentive, for Ridgeway Lions Ridgewood Manor.

In the fall of 2012, Ridgeway Lions enlisted the help of Virta Energy Consultants ("Virta") to take advantage of the saveONenergy "For Business" programs offered through Canadian Niagara Power ("CNP") and the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA"), and increase the energy efficiency of their building.

Virta assisted the Ridgeway Lions in putting together an application for the upgrading of windows, doors and attic insulation of the seniors complex, as well as providing complete project management services. This incentive applied for, under CNP's saveONenergy programs, was based on the energy savings expected for this project. In addition, CNP approached the OPA for utilization of an annual special funding budget available only to social housing providers. With social housing monies still available, Ridgewood Manor was approved for additional funds to help them pay for a portion of the materials and labour of the retrofit project.

"CNP's CDM Team was very helpful and efficient in processing the application, and easy to work with. The amount of incentives available for all the retrofits made the Ridgeway Lions Board's decision a pleasant process," explained Bob Chong, Senior Project Manager at Virta.

The incentive Ridgewood Manor received, based on their energy savings, is \$6,512, with an annual energy savings of 65,120 kWh. This annual energy savings would be equivalent to approximately 6.2 homes' electricity use for one year or 1,174 incandescent lights bulbs switched to CFL ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)). But that isn't all Ridgewood Manor received. With the special funds allocated for social housing providers, they received an additional \$67,079 of saveONenergy incentive funding toward the entire cost of the project – almost 50% of the project was paid through funds offered through the saveONenergy programs.

The saveONenergy programs for businesses provide incentives for commercial, industrial, agricultural and institutional customers who apply for and complete electricity retrofits that result in demand savings and/or annual energy savings. By installing energy efficient equipment, the programs can help businesses reduce their environmental footprint, provide better equipment usage results and reduce energy consumption. The saveONenergy conservation programs for businesses offered by CNP assist customers considering retrofits they might otherwise not be able to complete due to financial constraints. Money saved on energy is money that can be directed instead to other priorities.

CNP congratulates Ridgeway Lions on taking a pro-active leadership role with energy conservation in our community, and encourages all customers to learn more about the many saveONenergy programs available.

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