



Guelph Hydro Powers Our Community By Supporting New Automation Systems in Two Local Schools

November 10, 2008 - Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. (Guelph Hydro) will present the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) tomorrow with a \$60,515 cheque to support the installation of a building automation system at Ken Danby and Rickson Ridge Public Schools.

"This is a great example of partnership benefiting our community," commented Guelph Hydro president Art Stokman. "These new systems will save the board thousands in annual operating costs and help Guelph Hydro manage peak loads during high demand periods."

The funds from Guelph Hydro will be put toward the two projects which were a combined investment of \$173,000 for the UGDSB. The Building Automation Systems (BAS) will control the heating and cooling systems and will greatly increase the efficiency of both systems. The two schools will be monitored remotely from the UGDSB offices and can be adjusted over the internet. The installation included a wide range of technologies including sensors, automatic controls and an intelligent monitoring system constantly checking the temperature of the school. These systems will reduce maintenance costs by cutting down the number of visits that board facilities staff will need to make to the school during the year.

"We greatly appreciate the support of Guelph Hydro on this project," commented Bob Borden, UGDSB Board Chair. "This installation will benefit the students and staff of both schools, while helping UGDSB lower our overall operating costs."

A formal cheque presentation will take place on Tuesday November 11 at 3:45 pm at Ken Danby PS (525 Grange Road). Media are invited to the school to watch the cheque presentation and see a demonstration of the new automation system. Guests are asked to report to the office.

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