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Local curling rink saves energy and money

WINFIELD – A local curling rink will save \$1,140 a year in electricity costs, thanks to BC Hydro’s Product Incentive Program. The Power Smart program offers incentives to businesses for installing energy-efficient products to replace existing inefficient technologies.

The Winfield Curling Club recently installed a low-emissivity, or “low-E,” ceiling over four of its curling sheets. The energy-efficient technology keeps the facility colder, which provides a better curling surface and improved light quality, as well as reducing the running time of the chiller plant. In addition to receiving \$2,200 in incentives from the Product Incentive Program, the club’s savings is equal to the amount of electricity needed to supply nearly 3 homes for an entire year.

“We endorse the concept of the energy-efficient ceiling as a way to improve customer service and conserve energy at the same time,” said Steve Schaffrick, Director of Parks and Recreation for the District of Lake Country. “District Council is always excited to hear about ways to help with energy conservation, from both a cost-saving and an environmental standpoint.”

"Making your operation more energy efficient doesn't have to involve huge, capital-intensive energy projects," said Power Smart Marketing manager Jim Nelson. "There are many small, easy upgrades any company can do to save energy and money and benefit its bottom line."

In addition to lighting, the Product Incentive Program also provides incentives for products related to controls and sensors, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and refrigeration for numerous industries. For a complete list of products and program eligibility, visit www.bchydro.com/incentives or call 1 866 522-4713.

As demand grows in B.C., BC Hydro expects Power Smart to play a leading role in the delivery of reliable, low-cost power in the future. The BC Energy Plan has set a goal of acquiring 50-percent of the province’s incremental energy needs through conservation by 2020.