

Improving Historic Sites in Niagara-on-the-Lake Through ERIP & Power Savings Blitz



The Oban Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Photo courtesy of Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro)

of inefficient incandescent light bulbs with high efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs. This simple move proved to not only improve efficiency and save costs, but also made a strong environmental statement. Through ERIP, the Oban Inn was awarded a financial incentive toward the upgrades to further lower the overall cost of the project. There is always room to increase electrical efficiency without taking away from the historic feel and ambience emanating from such facilities as the Oban Inn.

Niagara-on-the-Lake businesses are taking advantage of the many benefits of participating in Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro's retrofit programs, in partnership with the Ontario Power Authority. Through the Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program (ERIP) and the Power Savings Blitz (PSB) programs many local businesses are pleased to see just how easy it is to improve energy efficiency for their businesses.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is known for its rich culture, historic charm and abundant beauty. Many historic sites have stood the test of time and continue to thrive in this tourist-destination town.

The Oban Inn is a historic property officially designated as a significant heritage resource, and is the Town's first and original country inn overlooking Lake Ontario and the oldest golf course in Canada. This landmark property was built as a private home in 1824 by Captain Duncan Milloy of Oban, Scotland. A devastating fire on Christmas Day 1992 completely destroyed the Inn, leaving only the foundation. Re-created as an exact replica of the former Inn, the Oban Inn opened its doors again in November 1993.

In 2008, the Oban Inn decided to improve the energy efficiency of their facility through a lighting upgrade. The Inn replaced a large number

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Another retrofit program for small commercial businesses that's sweeping across Niagara-on-the-Lake is the Power Savings Blitz. Many businesses are taking advantage of improving their business with up to \$1000 of free energy-efficient upgrades and are realizing the many opportunities to save electricity for their business. Through participation in programs such as ERIP and PSB, NOTL businesses are sending a strong message of the importance of energy efficiency for a greener tomorrow. ■

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