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Subject: Proclamation – Energy Efficiency Day

Purpose

To provide Council with information on Energy Efficiency Day which takes place the first Wednesday in October.

Recommendation

That Council proclaim Wednesday, October 6, 2021, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in the City of Cornwall.

Strategic Priority Implications

Energy Efficiency Day directly relates to Pillar 5 of the Strategic Plan:

Being Leaders in Sustainability and Climate Change

By celebrating more than 436,000 Canadians who work in the energy efficiency sector and creating a more energy efficient city, we are curbing greenhouse gases. By joining the City of Vancouver, Calgary, Halifax, and Prince Edward Island’s City of Summerside, and Town of Stratford, on October 6, 2021, we will be leading the way in sustainability.

It also relates to Pillar 3 of the Strategic Plan:

Growing quality of housing stock including affordable housing

Prioritizing energy efficiency for affordable housing will preserve affordability; and reduce the energy burden on low-income households.

Background / Discussion

Energy efficiency and the jobs it creates are key to the future of the City of Cornwall, the province of Ontario, and Canada. By declaring the first Wednesday of October as Energy Efficiency Day, the City of Cornwall would be celebrating energy efficiency and celebrating people. There are more than 436,000 Canadians who work in the energy efficiency sector, and together, we're helping Canadians fight global climate change, while creating jobs and boosting economic development.

By acknowledging Energy Efficiency Day, we would be carrying on the conversation for climate change, and motivating the City to elevate smarter energy use. This could lead to initiatives such as budgeting for energy efficiency programs that would benefit low-income home owners and renters; providing energy efficiency training for staff and education for the public; implementing a climate lens on all projects; exploring Green Building Codes; the creation of a community energy plan, and including climate & energy implications on reports to keep climate front of mind and highlight implications if applicable. Furthermore, we could lead by example for our neighbouring counties.

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