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## **Mount Sinai Hospital receives over \$722,000 from City of Toronto Program for Energy Efficiency Measures**

Today, the City of Toronto presented Mount Sinai Hospital with a grant of \$722,693, acknowledging the hospital's success in reducing its carbon footprint and increasing its energy efficiency. This grant was in the form of an incentive payment, provided through the City's Better Buildings Partnership in a funding agreement between the City and the Ontario Power Authority's province-wide energy conservation program and used to fund Deep Lake Water Cooling for the hospital.

Mount Sinai Hospital recently converted to a green method of cooling for all of its space cooling requirements through participation in the Enwave Energy Corporation Deep Lake Water Cooling (DLWC) program, an efficient and environmentally-friendly source of renewable energy. Participants in this program receive chilled water from Lake Ontario through an underground piping distribution network, instead of cooling their buildings with dedicated in-house chillers.

Conversion to Deep Lake Water Cooling (DLWC) is expected to reduce Mount Sinai's annual energy consumption by 2,400,000 kWh. The conversion will also help Mount Sinai prevent more than 2,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere annually, equal to removing 520 cars from the road.

The Better Buildings Partnership (BBP) offers innovative programs that provide a range of resources, including financial assistance, to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Toronto buildings across multifamily, institutional and new construction sectors. BBP's primary goal is to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions which come from the energy used to heat, light, cool and operate buildings.

Toronto is Canada's largest city and sixth largest government, and home to a diverse population of about 2.6 million people. It is the economic engine of Canada and one of the greenest and most creative cities in North America. Toronto has won numerous awards for quality, innovation and efficiency in delivering public services. Toronto's government is dedicated to prosperity, opportunity and liveability for all its residents.

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