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## **OPG CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE AT AUBURN GS** *Hydro station has provided a century of clean, renewable energy*

**PETERBOROUGH** - A century of providing hydroelectric power to the people of Peterborough and surrounding area was celebrated today as Allan Reid, Manager, Central Hydro Plant Group, along with Peterborough Mayor Daryl Bennett and Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough unveiled a plaque commemorating 100 years of the supply of power from the Auburn Generating Station.

“Today’s celebration is a testament to both the hard-working people of OPG who operate and maintain Auburn Generating Station,” said Reid. “OPG is looking forward to providing clean, reliable hydroelectricity to the people of Peterborough and surrounding area for another 100 years.”

The Auburn Generating Station (GS), located on the Otonabee River, had two of its three units first brought into service in 1911, with the final unit brought online one year later. Auburn GS produces a total of 2 megawatts of clean, renewable, reliable hydroelectric power, enough to power up to 2,000 homes. It was purchased in 1916 by the Hydroelectric Power Commission of Ontario from the Electric Power Company.

“I would like to congratulate all involved for making the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Auburn Generating Station such a tremendous success,” said Leal. “OPG’s commitment to producing clean, renewable hydroelectricity is something all Ontarians can count on for another 100 years.”

The station was also an early source of power for two key businesses, one that continues to operate in Peterborough today – the Auburn Woollen Mills Company, and the American Cereal Company, known today as PepsiCo Foods Canada Quaker Manufacturing Facility.

Auburn GS is a part of OPG’s Central Hydro Plant Group portfolio and is operated remotely from a control centre in North Bay which is staffed 24/7 by a team of hydroelectric operators. The facilities are maintained by skilled trades’ staff at the plant group’s Campbellford Service Centre

“The City of Peterborough is grateful for the role the Auburn Generating Station has played in producing power to its residents for a century,” added Mayor Bennett. “Its presence along the Otonabee River is a reminder of the rich history of architecture and heritage found in this city.”

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