

Community celebrates completion of Kent Breeze

More than 120 community members joined Suncor Sept. 20 in Thamesville to recognize completion of Kent Breeze.

The 20-megawatt, eight-turbine wind facility began operating May 12. It generates enough energy to power up to 8,000 homes. Kent Breeze is Suncor's second wind facility in southern Ontario, and the first we wholly own and operate.

At the event, Jim Provias, Suncor's vice president of Renewable Energy, presented Chatham-Kent mayor Randy Hope and councillors Jim Brown and Steve Pinsonneault with \$25,000 for three community initiatives, including a Bothwell park, upgrades to energy efficient lighting at Ridgetown fairgrounds, and disability access improvements to Camp Catagaqui near Clearville.

Suncor is one of the largest renewable energy players in Canada. By the end of 2011, Suncor's renewable energy projects, including wind and ethanol, are expected to displace the equivalent of nearly one million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) yearly. This equals the annual tailpipe emissions of approximately 200,000 cars.



Kent Breeze operations supervisor Jason Weir, right, describes to community members how turbines operate.

Two new wind energy projects on the horizon

On July 3, the Ontario Power Authority awarded Suncor feed-in tariff (FIT) contracts for two new wind energy projects – Cedar Point and Adelaide.

Together, these projects are expected to generate clean energy to power up to 50,000 homes and avoid approximately 70,000 tonnes of CO₂ yearly.

"The FIT contracts give Suncor an opportunity to move to the next stage. We've started environmental and economic assessments, and we'll be seeking the input of stakeholders in the first part of 2012," says Christina Ellerbeck, director, wind development and operations.

PROJECT	SIZE (MEGAWATTS – MW)	AREA
CEDAR POINT	75 – 100 MW	Lambton Shores and Plympton-Wyoming, near Forest
ADELAIDE	30 – 40 MW	Adelaide Township, near Strathroy

Message from Mark Hiseler

Hello, everyone. Let me start this message by introducing myself. I arrived mid-August, taking over from Marc Mageau as part of a busy year of people changes here at the plant.

I'm new to Sarnia, after having spent the last 10 years of my career at the Petro-Canada Lubricants plant in Mississauga. Long before that (please don't ask how long), I began my career with Union Carbide Canada in Orangeville. I'm really excited to join the high performing team here at the plant, and I'm really enjoying getting to know the Sarnia community.

I mentioned we're having a busy year of people changes. In fact, when you add up our retirements, new hires, transfers in and transfers out to support our growing corporation, our plant has experienced a people change of approximately 15 per cent this year. And I'm happy to say that we've managed through this change, all the while maintaining very high levels of safety, environmental and reliability performance.

One thing that I am most impressed with at the Sarnia refinery is our safety record. In fact, our safety performance is at a world-class level. We have now exceeded 5.5 years or six million hours (for both employees and contractors) without a lost time injury. And in August/September we ran for an eight-week period with no first aid injuries whatsoever.

Minimizing our environmental footprint is a top priority for Suncor, and we know that the reliable operation of our facilities helps us achieve this goal. For example, we've taken some important steps to improve our flaring system and prevent the types of events that caused a ditch fire on Vidal Street South in April of this year.

While I've only recently arrived, I'm proud of the Sarnia team I'm joining. Whether it's safety performance, minimizing our footprint, managing safe and reliable operations, or volunteering in the community, everyone I've met is deeply committed and proud of what they do. And for you, our neighbours, this translates into the kind of industrial neighbour you can be happy to have in the community. I look forward to continuing the strong performance of our plant, and to sustaining and strengthening the relationships and partnerships Suncor has in the Sarnia area.

Sincerely,



Mark Hiseler
vice president, Suncor refinery

Volunteers use their elbow grease for good



Paint gets scuffed in any home that has a couple of children. Add up to 28 teenage boys, and you can see why the Huron House Boys' Home was happy to have Suncor employees and contractors stop by on Sept. 1 to repaint and do other small chores.

Huron House is a residential facility that provides a safe, structured environment and programming to help teenage boys

make positive changes in their lives. Suncor employees have supported it for at least a decade, most recently when a team of 21 took part in the United Way's 18th annual Day of Caring. The event saw more than 250 people across Sarnia-Lambton give their time and talents to directly help member agencies.

Hsiu-Yan Chan, Suncor's co-ordinator, Planning & Scheduling, has volunteered on Huron House's board of directors since 2008 and has organized employee involvement in an annual Father's Day 10K run supporting the home.

Suncor employees and contractors pose at the Huron House Boys' Home with its executive director, Ken Akers (back row, second from right) before getting out the paint brushes for the United Way Day of Caring.

"It's great to be able to support such a deserving organization, and we had a lot of fun on the Day of Caring," she says.

Suncor people have participated in the Day of Caring since 1999. In all, volunteers have given at least 2,000 hours for this United Way event, the equivalent of one person for an entire year.

OSQAR – Oil Sands
Question and Response

Can we talk?

We've heard from you, our stakeholders, that you want more information about the oil sands and industry's performance, especially given public concern and media attention.

We recognize that actions speak louder than words and also that we must do a

better job in terms of our environmental performance.

As the company with the greatest production in the oil sands, we are taking the approach that we need to do a much better job of sharing information. And that's why we're pleased to offer the Oil Sands Question and Response, or OSQAR, to support constructive dialogue about the oil sands.

OSQAR started last year as an email newsletter subscription for people who are interested in our company, the oil sands and other energy issues. Each email newsletter addresses a topical, timely subject – with special emphasis on environmental issues – often providing references and links to both positive and not-so-positive third-party

commentary. Recently, OSQAR took on another form – a blog – in the hopes of increasing our audience and providing another venue for healthy discussion.

Through its conversational, “here's some things to think about” tone, OSQAR is intended to support constructive, balanced conversations about Suncor and the industry. You can access OSQAR in two ways:

1. Visit the blog at: <http://osqar.suncor.com>
2. Subscribe to the email newsletter at: <http://osqar.suncor.com>

On the right side of the page, underneath Archives, use the sign-up form to subscribe.

Suncor's community
investments take
new direction

We know that community investment is about more than just writing cheques. It's about getting involved, committing to finding ways to improve, and inspiring ourselves and others to think creatively about what we want for our communities.

Following Suncor's merger with Petro-Canada, we were provided with a unique opportunity to evaluate our existing community investment strategy and consider how we might engage differently with key communities to create a more meaningful impact for the future.

After much reflection, research and consultation, we are pleased to share the exciting new direction that Suncor's community investments are taking.

Our investments will now focus on helping communities grow, thrive and become more sustainable. By leveraging our skills as an integrated energy company, we believe we can help our communities achieve greater sustainability by investing in initiatives that:

- strengthen communities by cultivating community leaders
- build skills and knowledge for the current and future workforce
- foster the ability to think creatively through inspiring innovation
- build employee and volunteer capability by engaging citizens in community activities
- actively engage employees and communities in collaborating for a shared energy future.

We have decided to focus our investments in these areas because we believe that when used in combination, they allow unconventional solutions to surface – the type of ‘outside the box’ ideas that are essential to the development of strong and vibrant communities.

But we know that sustainable communities are not the product of one group acting in isolation. That's why at the heart of our community investment approach is a desire to proactively engage with a diverse group of partners to develop positive, meaningful relationships for the good of our communities, our company and future generations.

For more about community investment at Suncor, go to Suncor.com/community.



Suncor works closely with Aboriginal peoples and communities to build and maintain long-term, mutually beneficial relationships.

Rick George recognized as Canadian Energy Person of the Year

Suncor president and CEO Rick George has been named Canadian Energy Person of the Year by the Energy Council of Canada, recognizing his significant contribution to Canada's energy sector, nationally and internationally.

He was presented with the award during a ceremony at the TELUS Convention Centre in Calgary, Alta. last month.

In accepting the award, Rick told his audience, “At Suncor, but also throughout industry, we're challenging ourselves to develop a positive vision for how the oil

sands could become a key part of the 21st century energy mix. And, I believe, the work we're doing to address the people equation, the progress we're making on the technology front and the conversations with government all point to an impressive oil sands story.”

Rick was acknowledged not only for his accomplishments in the energy business, but also for his contributions to the community at large through his strong sense of social responsibility and giving back to the community.



Rick George, left, accepts the Energy Person of the Year Award from Energy Council of Canada chair John Muir.

Sustainability
in action

You've probably heard this before: Suncor is focused on being a responsible energy company. In so doing, we pursue a triple bottom line vision of sustainable development. That is, we believe energy development should occur in a way that provides economic prosperity, promotes social well-being, and preserves a healthy environment.

Why do we do it – and why is sustainable development so important at Suncor?

For a start, sustainable development is simply the right thing to do, but there's more to the story than that. We realize that our stakeholders, from the public at large to regulators, investors, employees and various interest groups, have increasingly high expectations and look to us to be top performers.

Let's take a closer look at sustainable development, using the following three examples from Suncor.



Until Civitas, no product has successfully balanced two key requirements, being both environmentally safe and effective. We introduced this product to the U.S. market two years ago and to our Canadian market within the last few months.

Healthy environment

- Civitas, a breakthrough golf course turf management product, developed by our Refining & Marketing business, works like a booster shot to help grasses' natural immunity to fight off fungal disease. Introduced just two years ago, Civitas is now in use at some 2,000 golf courses in the northern U.S. and has just been approved for use in Canada.

Social well-being

- In 2010, Suncor employees and retirees contributed more than 111,000 volunteer hours to their local communities; 660 organizations received funding through the SunCares Employee Grants Program in 2010. Over the past five years, employees, retirees and contractors,

with support from Suncor and the Suncor Energy Foundation, contributed more than \$19 million to United Way agencies and programs across Canada and the U.S.

Strong economy

- In 2009, royalties paid by Suncor totalled approximately \$1.2 billion, including \$645 million directed to Alberta government oil sands royalties. Suncor also paid more than \$1 billion in taxes in 2009 to governments in Canada and internationally.

Not only is sustainable development the right thing to do, it is good for business, and contributes to our continuing licence to operate at all our locations and businesses.

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