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## IGRS and Peel Region celebrate opening of landfill gas plant

Integrated Gas Recovery Services (IGRS) and Peel Region celebrated the official opening of the Britannia Landfill Gas to Electricity Plant.

Through an unique pri-

vate-public partnership, both IGRS and the Region are benefiting from an arrangement to generate energy from waste.

"In the past, gas that was emitted by landfills as part of

the natural decomposition process was simply flared off," said Walt Graziani, president of IGRS which built, owns and operates the plant. "Our process is much friendlier to the environment. The benefits come twice - we don't waste the gas that comes from the landfill that is otherwise emitted into the environment, and generating electricity with this fuel displaces electricity generated from fossil fuels." Graziani added that collecting and converting the gas into energy also eliminates odours coming from the site.

Mississauga regional councillor George Carlson says the Region gains from the arrangement in three ways.

"We are able to put the waste in our former Britannia Sanitary Landfill to good use by entering into an arrangement to harness

the gas. Peel also is able to purchase the resulting power at a low and guaranteed fixed price to help power our Lakeview Wastewater Treatment Facility."

In addition, Carlson noted that the energy produced is considered "green power" because it is not produced by burning fossil fuels. "This is a progressive move for the Region that once again puts us in a position of leadership in our effective handling of waste products."

Ontario Energy Minister Donna Cansfield congratulated the Region and IGRS for its innovative partnership.

"Our government is committed to reducing the use of electricity produced by burning coal and other fossil fuels, and this initiative is one more way that government and industry can work together to help create clean energy and protect the environment."

IGRS is a partnership between Thorold's Walker Industries and Cambridge-

based Comcor Environmental Limited. The company operates several other landfill gas use projects in Ontario, including one at Walker's Thorold Landfill which helps to power the nearby recycled newsprint manufacturing operation of Abitibi-Consolidated Inc. It is also

constructing an electricity generation facility at the Region of Niagara's Glenridge Quarry Landfill, in partnership with St. Catharines Hydro Generation, as well as an electricity generation facility at the City of Ottawa Trail Road Landfill, in partnership with Energy Ottawa.

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