Town of Ajax

Battle of the Buildings 2.0: Let's Power Down, Together Again!

Durham Greener Buildings

Description

The Town of Ajax's Battle of the Buildings 2.0 is a municipal energy conservation competition running from September 1 to December 31, 2026.

Building on the success of the first program, it involves seven major Town facilities in reducing electricity, natural gas, and water use through low-cost and no-cost behavioural and operational improvements.

The program includes real-time performance tracking, facility rankings, weekly conservation tips, energy champions, awareness campaigns, promotional materials, and energy treasure hunts.

Desired Outcomes

- Increase awareness and accountability around facility utility use and associated costs.
- Engages staff and residents in energy conservation while encouraging practical operational improvements and shared best practices.
- Supports lasting energy-conscious behaviours, lower operating costs, reduced energy use, and fewer greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recognizes individuals who demonstrate leadership in continuous improvement.

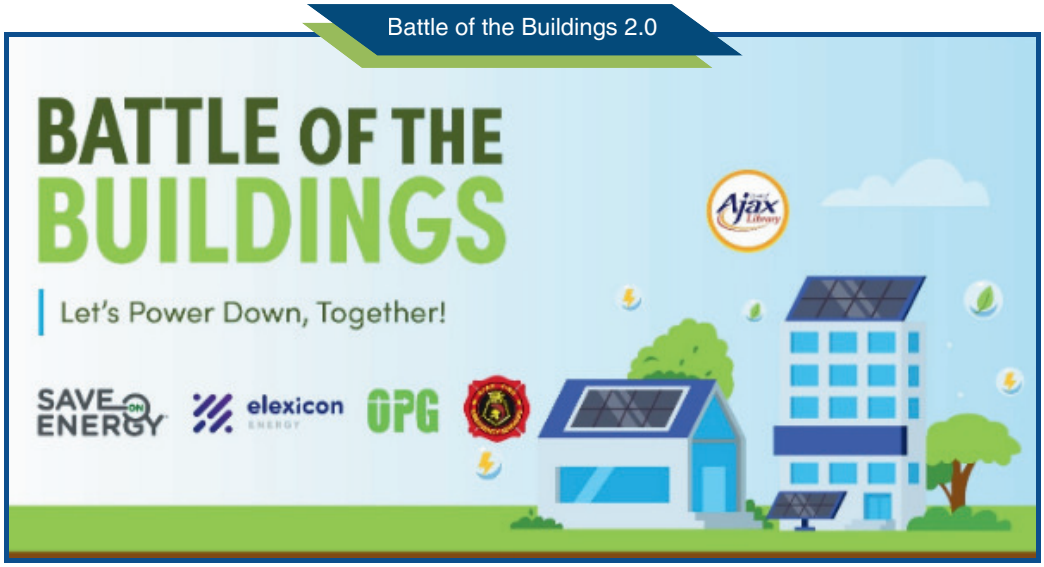
Progress to Date

- The first Battle of the Buildings competition ran from September 1 to December 31, 2025, with a target of reducing energy consumption by 10%.
- The program achieved total savings of 116,333 kWh, equivalent to the annual electricity use of approximately 11 homes.
- McLean Community Centre led the competition, saving 31,047 kWh of electricity and 2,036 m^3 of natural gas through no-cost initiatives.
- These savings resulted in nearly 6 tonnes of CO_2e emissions reductions, while Town Hall followed with electricity savings of 18,191 kWh. of the entire fleet inventory.

Long-term Vision and Sustainability Commitment

- By embedding environmental stewardship, accountability, and continuous improvement into municipal operations, the program is helping establish lasting reductions in energy and water use.
- Demonstrates Town's commitment to climate leadership and responsible resource management while contributing to a more sustainable, resilient, and low-carbon community.

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