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Metro News reports on TGC's energy pilot project
TGC's Community Energy Action Plan continues to attract community and media attention, as demonstrated from this article in the Metro News on January 21, 2008

Toronto Green Community launching pilot project

Lawrence Heights, Lawrence Park picked for plan

The Toronto Green Community (TGC) will launch an innovative new pilot project tomorrow.

Focusing on Toronto's Lawrence Heights community and the Lawrence Park neighbourhood, the TGC will launch its Community Energy Action plan at the Lawrence Heights Community Centre (5 Replin Rd.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Parents, children and community members will be engaged to act independently and collectively, creating a supportive and challenging atmosphere to maximize energy conservation.

The two communities for the pilot project were chosen for a special reason.

"All communities face different barriers to energy conservation and have unique assets," said Dan Adirim, the group's chair of the energy committee. "It is important to work with these two diverse communities in order to better understand a wider range of barriers and how to mobilize different assets to address them so that this pilot project can be effectively expanded to the many diverse communities across Toronto."

Through participation in workshops, and a school energy conservation program, community members will be given practical tips and skills to reduce energy consumption in their homes, and around their communities.

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five pillars of energy conservation

» Participants will be focusing on the five pillars of energy conservation: Behavioural changes; transportation; home retrofits; appliance upgrades; and green power.