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Alectra bolsters Richmond Hill's electricity grid with \$6M investment

Richmond Hill, ON. — Alectra Utilities announced a \$6.3 million investment in capital renewal projects for 2024, aimed at improving reliability and supporting the ongoing growth of Richmond Hill's energy grid. As Richmond Hill's community continues to expand, Alectra remains committed to upgrading and modernizing the city's electricity infrastructure to ensure dependable service for both residential and commercial customers.

"The safety and reliability of electricity delivery are our top priorities," said Chris Hudson, senior vice-president of operations at Alectra. "By modernizing our infrastructure and implementing advanced technologies, we are ensuring that Richmond Hill's energy grid is well-prepared to meet the demands of a growing community."

In 2023, Alectra maintained a strong reliability record, with customers experiencing minimal outages and quick restoration times. This places Alectra among the leaders in reliability across Ontario's local distribution companies.

In 2024, Alectra plans to implement several key projects in Richmond Hill, including:

- **\$2.8 million** to replace aging infrastructure such as poles, transformers and switchgear. Modernizing these elements will help minimize disruptions and enhance the reliability of Richmond Hill's energy grid for all customers.
- **\$1 million** to replace and rehabilitate underground cables using cable injection technology. This process will extend the life of existing underground cables, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help prevent outages.
- **\$223,100** to deploy new automated devices, enabling faster responses to grid disturbances, optimizing performance and minimizing the impact of potential disruptions on the community.
- **\$2.3 million** to connect new customers, accommodating Richmond Hill's growing population and business development.

Alectra has allocated approximately \$297 million in 2024 for capital improvements across its 17 communities to renew aging equipment and install new infrastructure to handle growing demand.

For further information on Alectra's grid enhancement projects and initiatives, please visit:

[Alectra Utilities Improving Reliability.](#)

About Alectra Utilities

Serving more than one million homes and businesses and approximately three million people in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe area, Alectra Utilities is the largest municipally-owned

electric utility in Canada, based on the total number of customers served. We contribute to the economic growth and vibrancy of the 17 communities we serve by investing in essential energy infrastructure, delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity, and providing innovative energy solutions. Our mission is to be an energy ally, helping our customers and the communities we serve to discover the possibilities of tomorrow's energy future.

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