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Cultivating a partnership to feed the community

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SGS, Detour Mines and the Town of Cochrane have joined together to provide fresh produce to the Food Bank.

Ken Williams, of SGS, said that this year was going fine but they have learned quite a few lessons from the ton of work putting in a garden requires. They had the help of the Struyk and Hessels family to develop the garden plot and received advice from JK Gardens.

The initiative stems from an employment involvement survey with all the employees nation wide. One aspect that came back was sustainability. It could mean anything from polluting less to giving back to the community. "Obviously, we choose giving back to the community as Cochrane being a smaller town," said Williams. "So we came up with an idea to give fresh produce to the Food Bank."

He said they went to the back of their building to pick a spot and spoke to the town to make sure they could use the area for a garden. "We had some people at work that were already farmers so they were willing to help get it started. They cleared and plowed," commented Williams.

He said that each employee are giving their volunteer time to the project. It gets them



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Isabelle Denault of the Town of Cochrane, Zak Abdourahmane and Ken Williams of SGS and Hélène Girard of the Cochrane Food Bank display some of the fresh vegetables grown by SGS.

outside and it is educating them in growing and shows them how much effort it actually takes to produce enough vegetables for a few families. He went on to say that making such a donation in a large centre doesn't have the same impact as in a small community because you get to know your neighbours here and you are helping them.

Isabelle Denault, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Cochrane, said that it was a great idea for the town to get involved by letting SGS use the land for this purpose. "It shows the involvement of local

employers. I think the benefits are clear, it is feeding people who need it," said Denault.

Detour was helping out in that the gardens are being watered through their office. They have also contributed manpower.

Williams said that this was just the beginning. As the other produce is harvested there will be more to donate. Hélène Girard of the Food Bank said that their clientele really appreciate the chance to get fresh vegetables.

SGS has committed to continue the project next year.

Tourist of the Week: Meeting Family

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This edition's Tourist of the Week features Jeremy Cheff and his fiancé Julianna Demers.

Cochrane is not a unique place for Cheff to visit. He travels to the community at least once or twice a year. His dad was from the community moving to the Windsor area decades ago.

Cheff brought his fiancé and his daughter to Cochrane to a Cheff family reunion held recently. He was able to show them some of the tourist sites as well as some of his father's old haunts.

Cheff owns a construction company in Windsor: JMAC Roofing and Construction. Demers is a store manager for Swarovski.

Demer said "Cochrane people know how to party and I was made to feel like family in just a few minutes."

The couple received a token souvenir from the Town of Cochrane.



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Julianna Demers (left to right), Jeremy Cheff and his daughter Abby Cheff made the trip to Cochrane to participate in a recent Cheff family reunion. It was the first trip to the community for Demers.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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