

Grant Awarded to Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Will Help Local Manufacturers Optimize Uses of Industrial Waste Heat

HAMILTON January 7, 2019 — The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has secured a grant from The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) to help accelerate smart energy practices that contribute to a cleaner environment, lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve business competitiveness.

The Hamilton Chamber will spearhead a collaborative project involving a range of stakeholders and focused on innovative energy solutions in Hamilton's Bayfront Industrial Area — an opportunity site ideal for demonstrating local and regional action on industrial emissions.

This industry-led project — developed in close cooperation with local manufacturers, the City of Hamilton and other stakeholders — will advance the adoption of waste heat to energy applications in the Bayfront Industrial Area, including a potential district energy system serving the heating and cooling needs of adjacent buildings.

"This project presents a unique opportunity to demonstrate the business case for climate action, and we are honoured to be a TAF grant recipient," said Keanin Loomis, President and CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. "Hamilton's industrial sector already exhibits world-leading manufacturing processes. Through identifying additional ways to optimize the use of waste heat, we can enhance the competitive advantage of Hamilton's Bayfront Industrial Area while further reducing harmful emissions."

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) provides grants to charities, not-for-profit organizations, and municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) for projects that have the potential to significantly reduce carbon emissions and/or air pollution.

"Leadership by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce will help local companies achieve business and environmental benefits by improving energy efficiency and reducing waste. With 68 per cent of Hamilton's carbon emissions associated with industry, The Atmospheric Fund is very pleased to be investing in this important and innovative approach." Julia Langer, TAF CEO

Recent TAF grants cover a wide range of activities, from technology demonstration to collective impact and policy advancement. While diverse in approach, all these projects share the potential to advance high-impact climate solutions in our region.

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