

# Media Advisory

## **City Joins the Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association to Spearhead Clean Energy Initiatives**

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In a significant move toward sustainable energy and economic development, the City of Owen Sound proudly announces its new membership with the <u>Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association</u> (CHFCA). This strategic partnership is a part of Owen Sound's broader initiative to champion clean energy technologies and practices.

The decision to join the CHFCA comes on the heels of the City's Community & Business Development Manager, Paul McGrath, attending the recent Hydrogen Business Council Conference in Toronto, an event showcasing the latest advancements and discussions in hydrogen technology. This participation underscores the city's commitment to staying at the forefront of clean energy innovation and its eagerness to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of hydrogen technology.

Owen Sound is proud to be home to Hydrogen Optimized's manufacturing and head office facility. The company's patented RuggedCell<sup>™</sup> water electrolyzers are created specifically for large-scale clean hydrogen projects to provide carbon-free energy for major industries such as chemical plants, utilities, and heavy transportation.

The city's involvement in the CHFCA signifies more than just a membership; it represents a proactive approach to fostering public engagement, supporting sustainable infrastructure projects, and contributing valuable local resources. This collaboration is expected to open new avenues for economic development, job creation, and enhanced environmental stewardship in Owen Sound and beyond.



For more information, please contact Paul McGrath, Manager of Community & Business Development at 519-376-4440 ext. 1254 or email pmcgrath@owensound.ca

#### **Quotes:**

"The City of Owen Sound is thrilled to join as a member of the CHFCA, and we look forward to working alongside other Canadian organizations to further hydrogen and zero-emissions technology advancement. As we continue to build momentum for Owen Sound's future economy in clean energy, we are excited to participate as an active member of CHFCA as we strive towards future growth, research, and innovation in the hydrogen sector."

#### -Mayor Ian Boddy

"We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the City of Owen Sound as the latest addition to our expanding network of CHFCA member municipalities. Owen Sound is strategically positioning itself to foster a robust economy rooted in clean energy and nuclear isotopes. We eagerly anticipate collaborating with the City of Owen Sound to drive the growth of the local hydrogen economy."

-Ivette Vera-Perez, President and CEO of the CHFCA

### **Quick Facts:**

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