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GrandBridge Energy Shines a Spotlight on Conestoga College's Powerline Technician Program with a Donation of Three Utility Vehicles

Cambridge, ON (December 6, 2022) – GrandBridge Energy is shining a spotlight on the Conestoga College Powerline Technician Program with the donation of three used utility vehicles to enhance the college's fleet of training vehicles used to enrich student learning. Representatives from GrandBridge Energy's Operations Team, including GrandBridge Energy Apprentice Powerline Technicians, were on hand in Ingersoll to hand over the keys to the three vehicles.

As part of GrandBridge Energy's practice of replacing older vehicles that are no longer suitable for commercial use, three vehicles were flagged from the utility's fleet inventory for donation, including a GMC Sierra Crew Cab Pickup Truck, a Ford F-150 Extended Cab Pickup Truck and a Single Axle Pole Trailer.

"The donation of the fleet vehicles is part of a broader relationship that GrandBridge Energy has proudly nurtured with Conestoga College over the past several years. We continue to support learning opportunities and are very proud to play a role in the future success of our industry," said Ian Miles, President and CEO of GrandBridge Energy.

"Conestoga is a provincial leader in the delivery of trades and apprenticeship training, and this generous donation means that we will continue to ensure students learn and train with the most current technology and up-to-date equipment, ensuring that they are career ready. We want to thank GrandBridge Energy for their continuous support as we serve industry needs and the growing community," said Angelo Cosco, Chair of the School of Trades and Apprenticeship.

According to Karl Schroeder, recent graduate of the Conestoga Powerline Technician Program and now Powerline Technician Apprentice at GrandBridge Energy, "Having access to up-to-date utility equipment in the Conestoga training program was invaluable in helping me gain practical fieldwork experience, develop vital skills and be confident when I encounter real-life situations in the workplace."

In February 2022, GrandBridge Energy (formerly Energy+) donated a single bucket truck to the program.

GrandBridge Energy proudly employs many graduates of Conestoga's Powerline Technician Program. Co-op and summer student opportunities in many departments at GrandBridge Energy allow students to build experience while completing their studies. Annually, GrandBridge Energy presents two Academic Excellence Awards to Conestoga's energy technology students studying Energy Systems Technology and Electrical Engineering Technology.

To learn more about GrandBridge Energy, visit [grandbridgeenergy.com](https://www.grandbridgeenergy.com).



About GrandBridge Energy Inc.

GrandBridge Energy Inc., formed in May 2022 as the result of the merger of the former Brantford Power Inc. and Energy+ Inc., is the eighth largest municipally owned electricity distributor in Ontario. GrandBridge Energy delivers safe and reliable electricity to 109,000 customers in the City of Brantford, the City of Cambridge, the County of Brant and the Township of North Dumfries. GrandBridge Energy's service territory spans approximately 635 square kilometres. The team provides safe and reliable energy solutions that are strengthened by an unwavering commitment to service excellence.

About Conestoga's [Powerline Technician program](#):

Conestoga is a provincial leader in the delivery of trades and apprenticeship training to serve industry needs and the growing community. Offered at Conestoga's Ingersoll campus, the two-year Powerline Technician program provides a unique opportunity for students to prepare for all facets of powerline and related occupations. Through the program, students learn the skills required to construct, maintain, and repair overhead and underground power systems and may work on power lines, communication networks, and electrical power stations.

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GrandBridge Energy handed over the keys for two pick up trucks and a hydro pole trailer to Conestoga College Powerline Technician Program representatives at the college's Ingersoll campus. GrandBridge Energy donated the vehicles which were no longer suitable for commercial use. On-hand were Powerline Technician students who will benefit from access to the vehicle which will provide them with opportunities to operate the utility vehicles and gain practical work experience.

