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Reliable electricity service in Hamilton drives Alectra's \$22.5 million investment in local grid upgrades

Hamilton, ON - Alectra Utilities is addressing increasing electricity demands by strengthening its power grid in the City of Hamilton. In 2023, Alectra is investing over \$22 million in infrastructure modernization projects as the city's demand for electricity continues to grow.

With parts of Hamilton's system reaching the end of its normal life cycle, renewing aging infrastructure is necessary to maintain reliability. This series of infrastructure upgrades will stabilize the existing system and reduce outage impacts in the community.

In 2023, Alectra plans to invest in significant capital renewal projects impacting 31,000 customers in Hamilton, including:

- \$5.4M to renew old infrastructure in the Hamilton Downtown core (Central MS)
- \$7.3M to renew old infrastructure including pole transformers, and switchgear vault cover renewal in Hamilton
- \$5.7M to rehabilitate underground via cable injection and replacement at Millen Barton – Fruitland
- \$1.8M to construct new automated devices in Hamilton
- \$1.3M to replace and upgrade stations within Hamilton
- \$974,547 to construct new build at Hamilton South Mountain Feeders capacity relief

In 2022, Alectra invested over \$10 million to replace underground cable, and construct two new feeder lines, increasing and improving the electricity supply for 7,000 homes and businesses in Hamilton.

Alectra Utilities is committed to investing in the electricity grid across all 17 communities it serves to support growth and to continue to provide safe and reliable service. Learn more about our commitment to reliability at <u>alectrautilities.com/improving-reliability</u>.

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About Alectra Utilities

Serving more than one million homes and businesses in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe area, Alectra Utilities is now 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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