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Barrie is growing, and Alectra's \$7 million investment in local grid upgrades will increase service reliability

Barrie, ON - Alectra Utilities is addressing increasing customer electricity demands by reinforcing its power grid in the City of Barrie. In 2023, Alectra is investing \$7 million to construct and renew infrastructure which will improve power reliability across the city.

With parts of Barrie's system reaching the end of its life cycle, renewing the deteriorating 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 in Barrie impacting 28,753 customers including:

- \$3.9M to renew old infrastructure including pole transformers, switchgear, vault cover renewal and net new automation
- \$1.7M to rehabilitate underground cables on Sunnidale and Anne
- \$1.3M to replace and upgrade stations

In 2022, Alectra invested \$3.3M in rehabilitating underground cable and upgrading feeder lines, improving reliability for over 11,000 Barrie customers.

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 alectrautilities.com/improving-reliability.

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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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