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## Wind power coming to Mohawk

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Mark Newman, Mountain

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Turbines slated to be installed at Stoney Creek campus this fall and at Fennell next year

The lights, computers and other equipment at some Mohawk college labs will be run by wind-power starting late next fall.

Cheryl Jensen, vice president of technology, apprenticeship and corporate training at Mohawk, said the college will be purchasing two vertical axis wind turbines from Cleanfield Energy in Ancaster.

The egg-beater style turbines will provide a clean, reliable and renewable source of power for a 5,000 square foot energy lab located within the new 14,500 square-foot Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Research, Resources and Training (STARRT) Institute at the Stoney Creek campus.

The three metre high turbines, said to be quieter than an air conditioner, can generate 3.5 kilowatts of electricity per year (the average household 9,000 to 11,000 kilowatts each year).

### Energy lab

"It's enough for the energy lab," Ms. Jensen said.

Ms. Jensen said the turbines will be installed on the roof of the new facility, construction of which has been slowed by a labourers' strike.

The STARRT Institute will be followed by construction next year of the 14,500 square foot Gerald Marshall Trucking and Coach Centre. Ms Jensen said the two facilities carry a price tag of \$19.45 million.

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At the Fennell campus, Ms. Jensen said Mohawk is looking at installing as many as four roof-top turbines next year to help provide power for some of the programs within the School of Engineering Technology.

Cost of purchasing all the turbines has not been determined, Ms. Jensen said.

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