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Company to put rooftop turbine to the test






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A plan to install 150 power-producing windmills on City of Hamilton buildings is beginning with a test turbine on the roof of the Hamilton Incubator of Technology on Innovation Drive at Clappison's Corners.

Cleanfield Energy of Ancaster, which has developed a vertical-axis windmill that resembles an egg beater rather than an airplane propeller, expects to put the unit into operation soon. Tony Verrelli, company president, says a funding application for the wind-energy showcase passed a screening by Sustainable Development Technology Canada and its second-stage submission is due next week.

Horizon Utilities has provided the city with a metering system that will compare the 3.5-kilowatt turbine's energy input and output and measure the business incubator's hourly electrical load. Verrelli said Cleanfield has set up a local parts supply chain for parts, with blades being built in Hamilton, shafts in Ancaster, arms in Mississauga, rooftop towers in Ancaster and electronic controls in Burlington.

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