

# Energizing Penbrooke Community's **SPACES**

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Imagine the perfect Community Association volunteer. That's Char Cote from Penbrooke Meadows. She and her husband have lived in the neighbourhood for almost 30 years and been involved in their Community Association as board members and volunteers for most of that time.

Like many CAs, Penbrooke is dependant on volunteers to run their facility and oversee maintenance, rentals and all their programs. Other than funding from the city for infrastructure maintenance, the board needs grants or fundraising to pay for equipment and operational costs, like utilities.

Char was the driving force behind Penbrooke's successful application for Energizing Spaces powered by ENMAX in 2023. The Penbrooke board was seeing a big chunk of their casino funding going to electricity and heating bills of \$3000-\$4000 per month, and they knew that their icemaker and refrigerator were on their last legs. By applying to Energizing Spaces powered by Enmax, they received a grant to replace these appliances AND were the successful applicant for Install Day!

Install Day with ENMAX was much anticipated! Not only did Energizing Spaces powered by Enmax pay for the purchase and installation of energy efficient materials at their facility, but it also provided Penbrooke's residents with a Green Calgary workshop on how they can reduce their own utility costs. Dozens of residents showed up and each household received an energy-efficient kit, which included energy-saving materials that residents could install in their own homes.

For the facility, the ENMAX team upgraded everything, including attaching window wraps, replacing lightbulbs with LEDs, installing air-filters on faucets, wrapping pipes and blanketing the hot water tank. Acre Electric even installed Eco thermostats and motion sensors on lights to reduce unnecessary usage. Most importantly, ENMAX changed to the energy plan Penbrooke's energy plan! Penbrooke Community Association is now saving \$1000 every month!

