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## Cambridge, N. Dumfries take part in Blackout Day

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Cambridge and North Dumfries will participate in Blackout Day on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The annual challenge was created to commemorate the massive power failure of 2003. Municipalities across the province will turn off lights and open windows to reduce power usage.

Cambridge City Hall was designed with energy efficiency in mind and is expected to use about 70 per cent less electricity than traditional buildings.

But for Blackout Day, city staff have been instructed to dial down even further -- reducing air-conditioning and turning off any unnecessary lights or equipment.

"While this is a symbolic initiative on the anniversary of the memorable blackout, it's an ongoing philosophy with the city to conserve," Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig said.

Kitchener, Waterloo and the townships of Wilmot, Wellesley and Woolwich are also participating.

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