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**G**REEN ... it's no longer just a colour. It is now a very power-



ful word that encompasses many different facets. When someone talks about green they are talking about a lifestyle — a way of life, a change of our habits, accountability and a commitment to the future. In Ontario alone, the recently proclaimed *Green Energy Act* is far reaching and will provide opportunities for homeowners, farmers, businesses, aboriginal communities and other community groups across the province to undertake renewable energy projects of their own.

While homeowners have many options available to them to use renewable energy systems and incentive programs, not all of these opportunities are easily transferable to condominium complexes and multi-unit buildings. This is where we all have a

part to play, and ACMO must take a leadership role in exploring the many options that are indeed available to us, and we're responsible for relaying this information to unit owners.

On a personal and business level, there is no longer the feeling and concern that going green may cause financial hardship with little return. Instead we are now all concerned about sustainability, zero carbon footprints and emission and waste reduction. Corporations across Canada are adopting green initiatives, hybrid cars are on the rise, and children in particular are conscious of the part every individual can play. It is no doubt the way of the future. ■

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