

# Cochrane High Group Brings School Closer to Sustainability

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The Cochrane High Sustainable Development Committee is getting closer and closer to making the school a truly green institution.

Having raised \$31,000, the group isn't far off from its fundraising goal of \$45,000.

The money raised will go towards the group's phase 5 projects — a wind turbine, lighting sensors, LED security lights and a rainwater collection system.

Grade 11 students and committee members Joel Smith and Hailey Irvine said the group is pleased with the support they've received from the community.

"It's really neat to be in a community like Cochrane too, where everyone really seems to help out," Irvine said.

At 30 members, the committee has become so popular at the school they can't take on anyone else.

"We've actually had to turn people away," Smith said.

"I think it's because this committee really gives you the chance to accomplish something," added Irvine.

While a sixth phase hasn't been planned yet, the two students say the group has brain stormed some ideas.

The group is also currently accepting donations towards Phase 5.

For more information on the Cochrane High Sustainable Development Project visit [sustainabledevelopment.ca](http://sustainabledevelopment.ca), or call Cochrane High School at 403-932-2542.

Grade 11 students Joel Smith and Hailey Irvine show off some work done previously by the Cochrane High Sustainable Development Committee. These recycling boxes were brought into the school during phase 4 of the group's project and allow students to recycle soft and hard plastic, cans and bottles, as well as compost. Photo by Cori Lee Miller

