

Ontario Experienced Major Power Surge as Puck Dropped

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Team Canada's gold medal game was truly electrifying.



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Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator recorded a major power surge just moments before the puck dropped on Canada's battle against the U.S.

Our behaviour proved we truly are a hockey nation!

Ontario's power consumption spiked by 300 megawatts as Sid the Kid and the rest of Team Canada hit the ice. The IESO's Terry Young told 680News that is enough energy to power the City of Burlington.

"I can't recall the time during a hockey game where we saw this kind of impact on demand, so it really is an indication of everybody watching the game," he said.

And between periods we used even more electricity as we grabbed drinks from the fridge, went to the washroom and used the oven and microwave to prepare snacks.

Our consumption then dropped off soon after Crosby scored the game-winning

goal but it sky-rocketed once again as celebrations began for Canada's golden victory.