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Sleeping in

Halton District School Board is looking at later start times for high schools to allow teens to get more sleep.

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BABY IN A HURRY

The first baby born at Georgetown Hospital in 2015 arrived on her timetable. See page 3



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Stopped Cold

Bitter cold weather has returned for a second week this month with Halton Region issuing an Extreme Cold Alert after Extreme Cold Warnings from Environment Canada. Crossing guard Marilyn Ducharme was well prepared for this week's frigid temperatures as she worked her 40-minute morning and afternoon shifts at the corner of Duncan and Weber Dr. in front of George Kennedy Public School. Ducharme assumed the crossing duties at the intersection in September after Bill Webb retired following 20 years at that location. She said Tuesday morning's -30C temperature with the wind chill was her coldest day on the job so far.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Halton Hills Hydro to begin 2015 tree trimming program

By Lisa Tallyn
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Starting this month, Halton Hills Hydro (HHH) will be out trimming trees in various areas of town as part of its 2015 line clearance program.

Halton Hills Council members

got a brief lesson in HHH's line clearance program, which runs on a three-year cycle, from HHH President and CEO Art Skidmore at Monday's council meeting.

This year trees in north Georgetown, the north half of downtown Georgetown, Ballinafad, Terra Cotta, Glen Williams

and Limehouse will be trimmed.

"We do not butcher or slaughter trees," said Skidmore. "I can assure you that's not what we do but we will look to obtain the clearance that we need. We trim to keep the tree healthy."

He explained HHH is mandated by the Occupational Health

and Safety Act and Electricity Act to maintain minimum clearances around its power lines—3 metres from primary lines and 1 metre from secondary lines.

Trimming is done for safety and reliability of hydro service, said Skidmore.

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