Hydro rates to increase in Whitby

Hydro bills will increase \$3.50 a month for the average Whitby home starting in January.

The Whitby Hydro Commission says the increase is needed to pay for service improvements.



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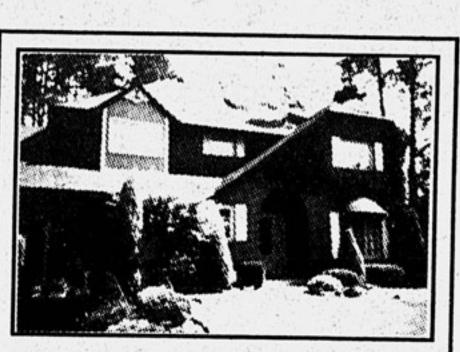
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The commission says SCADA will increase the efficiency of the distribution of electricity throughout the system and also reduce the areas affected by outages and the response time to complete repairs.

The changes were prompted by six major power disruptions in June and July that led to many complaints.

Money spent on SCADA will be recouped through increase efficiency and savings over the next 10 to 12 years.

There has been no increase in Whitby hydro rates since 1993, and the commission says that even with the increase, the cost for residential users will be close to the average for the province while commercial and industrial rates will still be among the lowest in Ontario.

Board seeks interim director

Durham Board of Education trustees are searching for an interim director to take over from Pauline Laing in the new year.

Laing, who's been director of the public board for the past seven years, will head the Ontario Cirriculum Project, which will "develop and refine" courses for students of all grades.

She begins the new job Jan. 1, 1996 and will serve until Aug. 31, 1998 when she plans to retire.

Laing was the superintendent of curriculum services for the Halton Board of Education before becoming the Durham public board director seven years ago.

Board chair Patty Bowman says trustees will "seek to appoint an interim director as soon as possible," and will "determine how the process will be applied" to find a permanent replacement.

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