

# Hydro Commission against the GST

Halton Hills Hydro Commission wants utilities throughout the province to join it in pressuring the federal government to exempt electricity from the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Commission Chairperson Bill Smith said Friday, during the commission's monthly meeting, electricity should be exempted from the tax because it is an essential utility, the economy is in recession and the government has collected \$400 million more than originally expected so far this year.

The commission directed staff to develop a resolution that reflected its position, as well as

indicating support for the resolution should be obtained from all Ontario utilities. The resolution will be voted on during the commission's July meeting.

Chairperson Smith said the time is ripe for utilities to lobby the federal government because it has yet to begin budget deliberations for 1992. If the commission started its lobbying efforts this fall, then the federal government could claim it was too late to consider exempting energy from the tax, the Chairperson told commission members.

Chairperson Smith pointed out the utility has had to cut off power to 70 customers during the last two months because they haven't been paying their bills.

He blamed the GST as part of the reason for people having difficulty meeting their bill payments. If bill payments are put off, then it forces people further into debt, he said.

People's hydro bills are expected to increase 8.9 per cent alone in 1992 excluding the GST, said the Chairperson.

While supportive of the approach being taken by the commission, commissioner Murt Allison reminded his colleagues similar attempts by Ontario municipalities to pressure the federal government to exempt electricity from the GST last year "fell on deaf ears."

The federal government has always taken the position, if electricity was exempted from the GST other sources of power would also have to be exempted.



Play day pantomimes

Holy Cross Separate School students Katherine Earl (left) and Cindy Brown are gum balls in training during Friday's Play Day at Cedarvale Park. From left to right, the gum ball machine are: Ken

Flynn, Dan McBride, Fisola Turton, Chris Wright, Laura Lee Campbell, Beth Rutherford, Siobhan Blake and Kyle E. Dinyton. (Herald photo)

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