

Something to think about before you sign a union membership card...

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is telling ECEs that signing one of their membership cards only means that you'll have a choice later on. This is simply not true. If ETFO receives enough signed cards to apply to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, it will be the only union on the ballot. The only choice you'll have is ETFO or no union at all.

What ETFO says about ECEs

"The concern of ETFO is that any curriculum delivered in the classroom should be done by a qualified, certified teacher, not by ECEs,"

Janet Bigham, ETFO, *The Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin*, October 30, 2009

"... the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) said they oppose plans to use ECEs alongside teachers in the all-day classrooms."

The North Bay Nugget, June 16, 2009

"But David Clegg of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), is upset early-childhood educators are given so much responsibility in the new system. His group is considering taking the province to court over the changes."

Canwest News Service, June 15, 2009

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Residents warned to steer clear of highly toxic giant hogweed

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make a person's skin ultra-sensitive to sunlight causing painful blisters.

Conservation Halton (CH) invited the provincial weed inspector and the University of Guelph to test products at Scotch Block, and already the tests are producing interesting results, said Brenda Van Ryswyk, CH's self-described "resident expert" on the subject. She updated members of Halton Hills council on the subject at Monday's meeting.

"One product is performing quite well, and it's not the product they expected to perform well," she said.

Testing on the Scotch Block site, which began in May, will continue next year and if it has continued success, permission to use the successful product on all giant hogweed in Ontario will be sought.

The Town is aware of other areas in Halton Hills where the plant is growing such as on 15 Sideroad near Fourth Line, and 22 Sideroad near Dublin Line. Town staff has sprayed herbicide—Round-Up—to control the weed along the roadsides. However, while Round-Up kills hogweed, it also kills nearby vegetation and it cannot be used near any watercourse. Hogweed prefers moist soil found along roadsides, streams and rivers.

Anyone sighting the weed on public property should report it to the Town's Infrastructure Department.

Residents, who suspect the plant may-

be on their property, are recommended to contact a licensed weed removal company to remove the plant or apply an herbicide. For more details go to www.weedinfo.ca or go to CH's website for identification clues or fill in reporting form, www.conservationhalton.ca, and search "giant hogweed".

"Anyone working near this plant must wear full protective gear—waterproof suit, goggles and face mask and waterproof gloves," says Van Ryswyk. She warns if a person is exposed to the sap, wash it right away, cover up and do not go into the sunlight for at least 48 hours.

Originally a Eurasian plant it was brought to Canada by greenhouse and nursery operations, which saw it as a dramatic addition to gardens. But, a member of the carrot family, it spreads easily, crowding out native species.

It has been in the Conservation Halton watershed for about 15-20 years, estimated Van Ryswyk. But the site at Scotch Block is estimated at 40-50 years old and could be difficult to eradicate, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Chief Weed Inspector Mike Cowbrough told Town of Halton Hills staff.

Giant hogweed is at least six feet tall at maturity with large deeply incised sharp lobbed leaves, two to three feet wide, says Van Ryswyk. It has purple mottles on the stem with a ring of stiff white hairs at the leaf joints. When it blooms, its white flowers resemble a one-foot wide umbrella.

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