

# Hydro maintains its community aspect

Well folks, this could be my last column until after the October 25 municipal election as it wouldn't be fair to a rival candidate to have print space during this time.

I thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you. I hope you found my columns informative. Make sure you vote and select a candidate you feel will best serve the community.

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It has been over two years since council approved a strategic review for Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

The review indicated that Halton Hills Hydro was a valuable community asset and that it should be retained.

There was some pressure to sell our hydro utility. Many neighbouring communities did so, but I believe you don't heat your home by burning your furniture.

In addition, beginning in January 2009, Halton Hills Community Energy Corporation created a holding company of Halton Hills Hydro to go along with SouthWestern Energy Inc, Hummingbird Wireless. The thrust is to have a community focus with viable subsidiaries.

We have a dedicated board of directors who provide leadership and corporate governance to our group of companies. Our board members are all local residents and that enables the community aspect to be delivered at our board meetings. Our board is comprised of myself as Chair, Anne Lawlor, Graeme Goebelle, Mark Burrows, Chris Cameron, Randy Hammell, Michael O'Sullivan, and Dennis Perlin.

**Rick Bonnette**



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In relation to Halton Hills Hydro we all know that electricity prices are increasing, in a large part due to the increase in commodity prices as of May 1 and the inclusion of HST on your bills as of July 1.

We have had a particularly hot summer and many residents have used their air conditioning more this summer. Your hydro bill will have all the consumption information with comparisons to last year.

If you have questions call our customer care department at 519-837-3701. We encourage all customers to learn more about conservation initiatives at Halton Hills Hydro @www.haltonhillshydro.com.

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Congratulations to the Halton Hills Bulldogs for winning the Canadian Jr. B. Lacrosse title, the Founders Cup.

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Keeping it real! I can be reached at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or you can read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com.

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

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