

# Rotting tree limbs knock power out

*Some homeowners faced with 'fried' electronics*

Witnesses four blocks away heard a boom and then a fireball "the size of a Volkswagen" lit up skies after branches from a rotting Manitoba Maple tree fell on power lines at the Beardmore transformer station Monday morning, knocking out power to 2,700 Halton Hills Hydro customers in Acton for an hour.

A Hydro crew spliced a section out of sagging 44,000-volt line that was stretched by the falling limbs at the substation, located just south of Agnes and Elgin Streets. When Hydro's system recog-

nized a foreign object on the line, it sent fault to the main feeder from Fergus, and power to a section of the line was isolated – leaving all of Acton, except areas east of Churchill Road, without power, beginning at 11:35 a.m.

At least four Kingham Road residents complained to Hydro that the power surge related to the outage "fried" some of their electronic equipment including a digital cable box, wireless router, two computers, a home entertainment centre, a carbon monoxide detector, lights

on a ceiling fan, an oven, a microwave and a 61-inch television.

In an email Tuesday, Hydro President and CAO Art Skidmore said letters would be hand-delivered to customers affected by the outage and voltage spike, advising them of the next steps, which he did not specify.

One angry affected Kingham resident said a Hydro official told her in a phone call on Tuesday to contact her home insurance company, as Halton Hills Hydro is not responsible for any losses or damage from the outage.



**POWER OUT:** Falling limbs from a rotting Manitoba Maple tree caused an hour-long power outage for 2,300 Halton Hills Hydro customers of on Monday morning in Acton. After power was isolated on the line to the Beardmore substation, crews removed the branches and made repairs. – Submitted photo

## Imagine Halton Hills - RSVP for a Town-wide sustainability celebration

Don't miss your chance to help shape the future of Halton Hills. On Thursday, November 22, you are invited to attend an exciting Community Sustainability Celebration Event. Join the Town Sustainability Advisory Committee and fellow community stakeholders in celebrating an important milestone in Halton Hills' efforts to be a sustainable community. A community, where all residents enjoy the highest possible quality of life, and where our businesses and neighbourhoods thrive.

At the Community Sustainability Celebration event, you will have the opportunity to browse and provide input into the draft Community Sustainability Strategy. Titled "Imagine Halton Hills", the Strategy will shape the future of Halton Hills by articulating a

long-term community vision to the year 2060. Based on the work of the Town Sustainability Advisory Committee, our collective vision is that: "In 2060, the urban and rural communities

of Halton Hills balance economic prosperity with a deep commitment to the natural environment, while retaining viable local agriculture and small-town feel, and being socially equitable, culturally vibrant and strongly connected."

The Imagine Halton Hills Strategy applies to all sectors of our community since it touches on all aspects of community life by shaping cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity, environmental health and

social wellbeing. It will help set priorities and guide the completion of key Town plans, policies, studies and various other initiatives.

Speaking about the upcoming Community Sustainability Celebration Event, Mayor Bonnette said: "With just a few weeks left, I invite our community to join me in celebrating the release of Imagine Halton Hills – our Community Sustainability Strategy. Don't miss an important opportunity to

help shape the future of Halton Hills as we look forward to the year 2060, and an even more prosperous future."

The purpose of the Community Sustainability Celebration Event is to:

- Celebrate the release of the Community Sustainability Strategy;
- Obtain initial feedback to help prioritize the Strategy's approximately 160 goals;
- Start to identify potential community partners; and

• Network and talk about sustainability, and our community's future.

**The sustainability celebration is November 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown.**

Please RSVP your attendance by November 9. Space is limited.

To confirm your availability, or if you have

any questions, please contact Jennifer Spence (Sustainability Outreach Officer) at [jennifers@haltonhills.ca](mailto:jennifers@haltonhills.ca) or 905-873-2601 ext. 2290.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives, including the Community Sustainability Strategy, is available at [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability)

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**2013 CAPITAL BUDGET & CAPITAL FORECAST MEETING**

Budget Committee will be commencing Capital Budget and Capital Forecast deliberations on **Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please note all delegations for Capital matters will be heard on **Wednesday, November 14th, 2012.** Accordingly, if you wish to address Budget Committee, please register by Noon on November 13th, 2012 with Corporate Services – Clerk's Division at (905) 873-2601, ext. 2333.

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