

# Halton Hills Hydro crews head back to New York

Halton Hills Hydro employees were once again on their way to New York State with bucket trucks and other equipment to assist in power restoration efforts. Bad weather continues to impact the region causing ongoing power outages and affecting restoration efforts already underway.

Halton Hills Hydro crews provided power restoration in this same region of New York earlier this month after two powerful nor-easters swept through the area.

"I wish our crew a safe trip and safe working conditions. I am extremely proud of our team for once again stepping

up to lend a hand," said Art Skidmore, Halton Hills Hydro President and CEO.

The crew including three power line workers, a line sub-foreman and the Manager of Operations expect to be working in New York for about a week.

"The Town of Halton Hills

commends Halton Hills Hydro for once again providing assistance to areas in need," stated Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Halton Hills Hydro is joining a convoy of power workers from several other local utilities on their way to New York.



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## Fundraising nets visit from CBC's Rick Mercer



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CBC's Rick Mercer Report visited Stewarttown Public School on Wednesday, March 21 in celebration of the \$27,100 the school raised for Plan International's Spread the Net Student Challenge. The money raised for Spread the Net buys bed nets to protect people around the world from the deadly disease, malaria. Stewarttown raised this incredible amount of money through many different fundraisers throughout the eight-month long campaign. After winning the top prize in Canada and learning that Rick Mercer would be visiting their school, Stewarttown students decided to "challenge" him to

a series of activities that had been popular during their fundraising efforts. In front of the whole school, Rick Mercer was challenged to hula-hoop, decorate gingerbread cookies and take a selfie with Santa. He made pancakes, and he was "mummified" by students using many rolls of toilet paper.

Rick was a great sport and passed all of the challenges with flying colours. Though all of that was entertaining to watch, the best part of the day was having Rick speak to the 351 students who raised that whopping amount. He spoke about malaria and his involvement in helping to stop this disease with



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something as simple as a net. He was thrilled with Stewarttown's enthusiasm for the cause and he told them that they are "The smallest school

with the biggest heart in all of Canada".

After spending the day soaking up all of the energy from a very excited student body, Rick

left Stewarttown incredibly impressed with the compassion and dedication of the students and staff. He now has a much deeper understanding of

how this small school accomplished such a big goal. The episode featuring Stewarttown will air on CBC at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3.

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