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## Hydro confusion

Halton Hills council's recent decision to hold two public meetings—one in Acton and the other in Georgetown—on the restructuring of Halton Hills Hydro and the possibility of the town taking over the business is a good idea.

The restructuring issue arose as a result of the Energy Competition Act passed by the Ontario government last year. In effect it deregulates the hydro industry and introduces competition starting in 2000.

So far it has proven to be a confusing issue for both the public and local politicians.

The issue needs to be explained more—should the town get into the business of marketing hydro or should it become a non-profit company?

Since the decision will have an impact on your hydro bills, we urge area residents to attend the meetings at the Civic Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. or in Acton at Halton Hills Hydro at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8.

We have the power right now, will we in the future?



## Community rallies behind mural project

Dear editor,

The Historic Georgetown Art Advisory Committee (HGAAC) acknowledges the generous individuals, clubs, and businesses who have contributed to Downtown Georgetown's first mural which will be completed in August 2000.

Thanks to these people, the non-profit HGAAC will qualify to apply for the federal Millennium Partnership Program before the Nov. 30 deadline. This program requires that the community provide half of the project's funding before it will offer a grant. In order to qualify for funding of this \$20,000 project, the community needed to provide \$10,000.

You—the Georgetown community have reached that initial \$10,000 goal. Another \$10,000 is needed to complete this first mural but the HGAAC is certain that this community will be able to meet the projected goal over the next eight months. Thanks again.

Lydia Zavitz,  
chair HGAAC

## Letter of the day

### Drivers should think twice before passing a school bus

Dear editor,

It happened again today. As I was waiting for the school bus at the Norval west stop, a car whizzed by just as the bus driver opened her doors. This has happened about three times per month since school began in September, and that is only at the stop in Norval!

What is happening to drivers that they so callously disregard the law and rules of safety in order to race to the traffic light at Winston Churchill Boulevard?

The driver on the bus complies with the law in turning on the flashing lights in advance of the stop to give motorists ample warning. These inconsiderate drivers pass even though the bus has come to a complete stop, signals are flashing and the barrier at the front is up.

Usually, they are travelling so quickly that it is impossible to see their licence plate number. I shudder to think what would happen should they need to stop for a child, as they are clearly exceeding the speed limit which in Norval is posted at 50 km-h.

Please, if you are one of the guilty ones, think about what you are doing. There is not enough insurance coverage or jail time in the world to compensate for the loss of a beloved child.

Think before you race past a school bus. Stopping for the bus won't hold you up any longer than the red light that stopped you after you raced to Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Lois Rooney-Giurin  
Norval

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