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Spiritual connection to the environment subject of talk at POWER annual meeting

A special presentation by international lecturer Professor Peter Timmerman will highlight the Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) 14th annual general meeting, Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre.

The annual general meeting, to which all members of the public are welcome to attend for free, features a broad range of displays and presentations from area environmental organizations and a silent auction.

Timmerman is director of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology, and Professor of Environmental Studies at York University and the University of Toronto. In his presentation, Timmerman intends to address "Our Spiritual Connection to Nature" and how individuals can respond to a growing local and international environmental crisis— from a spiritual perspective. His presentation starts at 7 p.m. with the annual general meeting at 8:15 p.m.

"The protection of the Niagara Escarpment is one example of how society is beginning to respond to the very long term issues that are increasingly affecting our lives. We are now powerful enough to affect entire global physical systems— climate change and the hole in the ozone layer are only two examples— but we are struggling to develop the ability to plan and cope with the consequences of our new powers," says Timmerman.

Since 1979, he has been active in both environmental non government organizations and political advocacy work from the international

to the local level. He has written extensively on environmental ethics which has led him to his current research which focuses on developing "ethics of the very long term."

Timmerman co-convoked the Canadian Earth Charter committee for the 1992 Earth Summit. He was instrumental in forming the Canadian Coalition for Ecology, Ethics and Religion, and is a director on the steering committee for the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology (CFORE www.cfore.ca).

Harnessing the momentum from the annual general meeting, P.O.W.E.R. hosts the first in a series of informal public "chats" about the environment one week later at the Shepherd's Crook, Main St., Georgetown at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8.

"We want to begin an intelligent and thoughtful discussion about the environmental challenges facing our region," says P.O.W.E.R. chair Doris Treleaven. "If you want to learn more about our direction and activities for the coming year or simply want to share your point of view with us, join us on Dec. 8. It promises to be informative and fun."

P.O.W.E.R. has been actively engaged in preserving and protecting the environment in Halton for over 14 years. The organization is best known for its defence of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve through opposition to the growth of quarry operations on the Escarpment. Among many other activities, the organization also runs local school-based environmental education programs.

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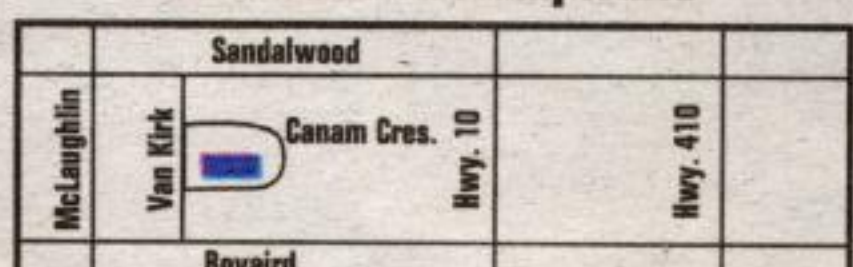
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