

OPINION

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Residents urged to attend hydro meeting

The 401-407 Gateway Business Park has long been touted by Town officials as the long-term saviour for the Town of Halton Hills for its potential to bring in much-needed light industry and its accompanying tax dollars.

The stretch of land that primarily traverses along Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road, and is more commonly known as the 401 Corridor, has been, if nothing else, a work in progress.

Last month the Corridor was dealt a blow when Mold-Masters Ltd., which was expected to open its new head office in 2007, opted to delay that move for as long as two years due to higher-than-anticipated construction costs and the soaring Canadian dollar.

Town efforts to attract other potential businesses for the Corridor have continued with limited success.

This past week it was announced that the Corridor is being considered as the possible site for a hydro generating station that would help ease the electricity crisis for the western part of the Greater Toronto Area. Six firms are vying for the right to build the new station which will be located either in Milton or Halton Hills and all six will have to hold public meetings this summer to gauge public opinion.

Wednesday, June 7 a public meeting has been set for Pineview Public School from 4:30-8:30 p.m. for TransCanada Energy Ltd.— the first of the six firms— to outline its plans.

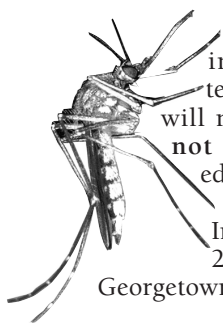
While the Town would have site plan control of such a facility, the reality is the Province carries the hammer in determining where hydro stations will be located.

A 680 mega-watt station, such as the one proposed for the Corridor, would be located on 10-15 acres with at least two 150-foot towers and would have to follow stringent provincial government emission requirements.

Halton Hills residents have been invited to have their say regarding this proposal. They should grab the opportunity with both hands and turn out in droves Wednesday.

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Steve Nease

Dalton McGuinty's worst nightmare...



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paper's coverage greatly appreciated

Dear editor,
Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

On May 7, Community Living North Halton had its 16th annual fundraising event, a walk-a-thon, at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown.

Your newspaper has supported us from the very beginning and has truly outdone itself this year. You advertised our event and wrote a very informative article about it in the time leading up to the day.

On the event day you had a photographer present to take pictures, and then you put a wonderful picture of one of the ladies who we support through our programs on the front page— thank you!

As a Community Living organization, it is part of our mandate to increase awareness and inclusion in the community of the people we support— this one picture on the front page of your paper has done a great deal to help us achieve this awareness.

The walk-a-thon itself was a wonderful success as Halton Hills Mayor Bonnette opened the event and Milton Councillor Mark Curtis assisted with the draw prizes and closing the day off. The weather was a little brisk at times, but the rain held off and it really was a nice day to be out walking for a great cause. Inside we held a silent auction and a raffle draw— we also served food and refreshments, and I believe everyone had a really wonderful day.

All proceeds from this event are designated for our leisure and respite

services that are not funded by the government. These programs are used by both children and adults with developmental disabilities who reside in the Milton and Halton Hills area.

We truly appreciate your support of this year's fundraiser— the walk-a-thon was a great success and a good

More dance information would be nice

Dear editor,
I really enjoyed reading the story Center Stage Dancers are silver and gold in the May 12 *Independent & Free Press*.

It made me think about the fact that there are a lot of dance studios and dancers in Halton Hills who work hard all year long to perform in competi-

Local Beavers in need of adult volunteers

Dear editor,
I am the contact leader for the 4th Georgetown Beavers and I have learned that we are losing two out of the four Beaver colonies in Georgetown next September.

This is not due to lack of kids joining or lack of funding, but due to the lack of contact leaders. These are the adult leaders who co-ordinate the meetings we have each week between September and May.

I fully understand that we are all very busy in our daily lives but we are only talking about few hours a week of your time. Beavers is a very important part of scouting as this is when kids aged 5 -7 start to become involved in

part of that success is thanks to your newspaper and your efforts to "get the word out" about our organization and our annual event.

Thank you again.

Nancy MacNeill,
Chairperson,

2006 Walk-a-Thon Committee

tions and recitals. Wouldn't it be great to recognize their dedication and hard work in a special spring sports section? Yes, competitive dancing is a sport!

Congratulations to all dancers from every studio who have given it their all in competitions and performances this year.

Deanne Peter,
Georgetown

scouting, within the community and become more aware of our great area and the environment as will you.

I encourage you to go to www.scouts.ca or www.haltonscouting.ca to learn more about Beavers and scouting and also how you can become a leader in Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. Scouting is coming up on its 100th anniversary and it would be loss to the community if we lost these two Beaver colonies. I do guarantee that you will have fun when working with the Beavers and the other scouters!

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