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WEDNESDAY...

Public school trustees to decide on pay raise for themselves next week. Read how much in Wednesday's edition.

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What not to do in a leash-free zone

Rick Fulford performed a Capital City Schutzhund protection dog demonstration during the official opening of the new leash free zone located in Cedarvale Park on Sunday afternoon. The day raised awareness of dog care, socialization, and benefits of leash-free zones. The Georgetown zone is less than an acre size plot of land between Silver Creek and the Halton Region Water Treatment Plant and will be monitored by the citizens' group HH-Dog. For details go to their website, www.hhdog.com

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

Power plant gets Town nod

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Halton Hills Council gave its stamp of approval to a power plant in the 401-407 corridor Monday, but it will be the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) that decides if the facility will be built there or not.

At a special council meeting Monday night only Councillor Bryan Lewis did not support the TransCanada Energy (TCE) Ltd. proposal for a 680 megawatts natural gas-fuelled power generation facility on an 80-acre parcel in the corridor at the southwest corner of Sixth Line S. and Steeles Ave.

Lewis doesn't believe the plant meets the criteria for prestige industrial- the designation that applies to most of the land in the corridor.

Finn Greflund, vice-president of TCE, said their company is just one bidding to win the contract to provide the one power plant facility to be approved by the OPA in this area to help ease the electricity crisis for the western Greater Toronto Area.

The other companies are proposing two different plants in Milton and one in the Palermo (north Oakville) area.

The OPA is to select the winning proposal in November and those bidding receive extra points in the selection process for obtaining council support.

Tim Taylor, an OPA spokesperson, said Thursday before a power plant is built it would have to have both municipal and Ministry of Environment approval, and the decision to award the contract is based on both technical and financial criteria.

Before making its decision Monday, Halton Hills Council heard from the public on the TCE proposal.

"We are not opposed, however, sadly to say we're not fully in support," said Hornby Association of Rate Payers (HARP) vice-president Eric Kowal.

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