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WEDNESDAY...

Check out the new-look Winter 2006 edition of *Sideroads of Halton Hills* in next Wednesday's edition.

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These Jaguars are no pussycats

Frenzied supporters for both Christ the King's Jaguars and the Georgetown Rebels showed unabashed support of their respective schools during the Halton Division II senior football championship matchup on Wednesday at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium. Christ the

King teachers (from left) Valerie Kelenc, Lindsay Cheal and Daniella Campos teamed up with the Jaguar mascot to rally on their side just prior to kickoff. For more on the game see pages 10 and 21.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Generating station coming here

LISA TALLYN
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A gas-fired power plant in Halton Hills' 401 Corridor is expected to be up and running by 2010 after the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) awarded a long-term contract for the facility to TransCanada Corporation.

The OPA announced yesterday (Thursday) it had signed a 20-year contract with TransCanada for the 683-megawatt Halton Hills Generating Station (HHGS) to be built on an 80-acre parcel of land at the southwest corner of Sixth Line S. and Steeles Ave.

"The need for new generation to serve customers located primarily in Halton Region and the City of Mississauga has been identified for some time," said an OPA spokesperson in a news release. "For example, demand in the Milton and Halton Hills areas is expected to increase an average of 6-10 per cent a year, well above the provincial average."

In July, the OPA issued a Request for Proposals for the supply of a new natural gas-fired generating facility with a capacity between 500 and 600 MW.

TransCanada's proposal was one of four sub-

mitted—and considered to be the most competitive. The other proposals were for plants in Milton and north Oakville.

The Town of Halton Hills had given its stamp of approval to the \$670 million plant in September, which earned TransCanada extra points in the selection process.

At that time only Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis did not support the proposal for the facility because he didn't believe it met the criteria for prestige industrial—the designation that applies to most of the land in the corridor.

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