

# POWER, Lewis grudgingly accept generating station

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She said they are looking to make the plant "carbon neutral."

POWER board member Ann Geh said while the group works toward green energy as the objective for Ontario, "we were not given that choice in this government's decision."

"To that end, we will work to minimize the long-term effect of the gas-fired plant, and will continue to work to ensure that the citizens of Halton Hills receive a generating station that has the least impact possible," said Geh.

Halton Hills Councillor Bryan Lewis, who didn't support TransCanada's proposal for the plant, said at this point he wishes them well, but admits part of him is disappointed the generating station was approved by the Ontario Power Authority.

"I still maintain that it's not what I call 'prestige development' and having done a little bit of research, I've been informed by others it's not prestige industrial, but yet the Town has the opinion, so I have to accept that part. It doesn't mean you have to like it," said Lewis.

He said TransCanada does have "some other hurdles they have to go through."

Ken Lawday, president of Hornby Association of Ratepayers (HARP), said the group is looking at the power plant as the

"lesser of two evils."

"This isn't the high employment prestige industrial use that we had hoped would move into the area, however, HARP is not against the generating station," said Lawday. "In our opinion it is much better that the large truck distribution facility that was previously planned for that site."



**BRYAN LEWIS**

He said HARP and other stakeholders have been working with TransCanada on the ongoing design of the site, and is currently reviewing the company's environmental report.

Adams said POWER and TCE have been in contact as to the next stage in their relationship and POWER agreed to review and offer suggestions on the documents produced by TCE in support of its bid.

She added POWER plans to form a sub-committee that will focus on energy, and part of its mandate will be to work with TCE.

Anyone with expertise to offer or who wants to be more involved as the project moves forward is asked to contact POWER by sending an e-mail to [info@powerhalton.ca](mailto:info@powerhalton.ca).

Adams said, with an electrical generating station slated to be built in Halton, POWER chose electrical conservation for the theme of its annual general meeting to be held Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. at John Elliot Gallery. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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## Troop support

Lorne Scots Commanding Officer Lt-Col Timothy Orange (left) was joined by Georgetown veteran Shell Lawr at a recent gathering of the 4th Georgetown Beavers, to accept cards they made for to the Canadian Armed Forces troops, serving in Afghanistan to show them support.

Photo by Ted Brown

# Region moving ahead with plans for energy-from-waste facility

Halton Region is moving forward with its plans to create an energy-from-waste (EFW) facility at the local landfill.

Last week, Halton issued a request for proposals for the project to five consulting firms, which were chosen through an expression of interest process.

The successful firm will work with staff on developing a business case to present to regional council in the spring.

The business case will include the preliminary air quality, environmental, health, transportation and financial assessments needed to initiate public consultation and make an informed decision on the options for Halton's EFW facility.

"It is critical that Halton move forward on our energy-from-waste plans. When the borders close in 2010, we must be prepared to accept Halton's industrial, commercial and institutional waste," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "By choice, this sector currently sends its waste to the U.S. The volumes account for 150,000 tonnes of waste each year, which will represent a doubling of waste going to Halton's landfill."

Investigating an EFW facility is one component of the Halton Solid Waste Management Strategy, which also outlines how Halton can

divert up to 60 per cent of its residential waste out of the landfill. The current diversion rate is almost 43 per cent.

"While it's critical that Halton divert as much waste as possible from our landfill, achieving a 60 per cent diversion rate alone will not address the waste issues in Halton," said Savoline.

"Even with a 60 per cent diversion rate, our landfill will exhaust its capacity by 2030. The investigation of creating new, clean, state-of-the-art technologies takes time, so we have to start working on a solution to manage Halton's waste now before it's too late."

Savoline noted an additional bonus would be the generation of energy, which is increasingly becoming critical given the energy crisis Ontario is facing.

The Region announced its plans to investigate energy-from-waste in the summer. The primary objective of the EFW facility would be to dispose of Halton-only waste that could not be reduced, reused or recycled.

For more information on Halton's waste strategy, visit [www.halton.ca/efw](http://www.halton.ca/efw) or call (905) 825-6000. As well, residents are invited to leave comments or information requests regarding the EFW facility either by phone at the aforementioned number, ext. 7920 or e-mail at [efw@halton.ca](mailto:efw@halton.ca).

## Police blotter

### Vehicles damaged in car lot

Halton Police are investigating damage done at Georgetown Kia on Guelph St. over two separate occasions—the weekend of Nov. 11/12 and sometime late Monday or early Tuesday (Nov. 13/14).

During the first incident approximately \$2,000 damage was caused when 13 tires were slashed on seven used vehicles, and there was \$800 damage during the second incident in which eight tires on four vehicles were slashed.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2105 of Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

A 1994 silver Plymouth van was stolen from the Georgetown GO lot on Queen St. sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday (Nov. 13). The van contained a child's car seat and several other children's items. The value is \$2,500.

Approximately \$10,000 worth of items including generators, a transfer switch and other electrical equipment was taken from a locked steel storage container at the rear of Ramrock Electric on Armstrong Ave. sometime

between Fri. (Nov. 3) and Mon. (Nov. 6). The lock was broken to gain entry.

Halton Police are investigating the attempted theft of a 1995 Plymouth van that was parked at the Georgetown Hospital parking lot overnight Sunday and Monday (Nov. 12/13). The ignition was damaged in an unsuccessful attempt to take the vehicle. Damage is \$500.

### Officers strike it rich

A Toronto police officer who lives in Georgetown has plans for his share of the second prize he and a fellow officer won in the Nov. 8 Lotto 6/49 draw.

Robert Coyle, and co-worker Bill Greenwood of Toronto, were happy to claim their \$158,107 prize.

Coyle, 43, who is married with three sons, said his plans for the money include paying for his children's education.

"The VISA bill will definitely be paid now," said Coyle.

The ticket was purchased at Lina Mart Ltd. on Royal York Rd. in Toronto.



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