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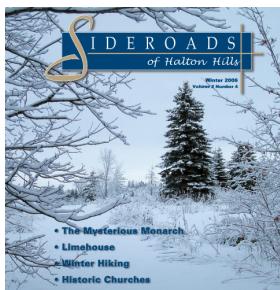
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*A smile for Santa*

Two-year-old Benjamin Spence, decked out in his best holiday hat, admires the floats during the annual Acton Santa Claus Parade Saturday afternoon. Jolly old St. Nick (inset) brought smiles to the faces of hundreds of children during the first of his two visits planned for Leathertown—the second one expected Christmas Eve.

Photos by Sabrina Byrnes



**Environmental  
group vows to  
work with new  
power plant**

**LISA TALLYN**  
Staff Writer

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER) plans to work with TransCanada Energy (TCE) to ensure the environmental impact of the 683 MW natural gas fired power plant to be built in the 401 Corridor is minimized.

"POWER does not want to be an organization that just opposes projects," said POWER president Leslie Adams.

She said the group met with all of the companies that attempted to win the contract for the generating station.

"We want to work collaboratively with companies to enhance community sustainability and corporate environmental responsibility. We felt that TCE was the most professional, flexible and committed in their approach to the environment."

Adams said one of the potential projects POWER is discussing with TCE is the idea of off-setting the carbon of the plant by enhancing local forests.

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