



Town's top engineer takes post in Guelph

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The Town of Halton Hills will have to start looking for a new engineer after Rick Henry has accepted the job of City Engineer with the City of Guelph.

Henry, the Director of Engineering, Public Works and Building Services since 2004, tendered his resignation Tuesday. His last day with the Town of Halton Hills is March 29 and his first day on the job in Guelph is March 30.

In his ninth year with the Town of Halton Hills, Henry said those years have been excellent.

"I've had a very supportive staff, and I've made a lot of good friends," he said. "It's been great here and I've really enjoyed Halton Hills and I've been very appreciative of the opportunity."

However, he was ready for a new challenge, and when the Guelph job presented itself, he decided to go for it. It's a closer drive for the Belwood resident, whose wife also works in Guelph. "It (the job) was just a nice fit," he said.

"His leadership and friendship will be very much missed by all that serve this municipality," said Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin in press release. "We wish Rick all the best in his new position at the City of Guelph."

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Local landowners likely to feel effect of hydro expansion

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If the twinning goes ahead the goal would be to have the line in service by 2011, and have land and land rights acquired and construction to begin next fall (2008).

The project requires both Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Energy Board approval. Halton was consulted late last month about the project.

Gary Schneider, manager regulatory approvals with Hydro One, said they are hoping to get the go-ahead for the project from OPA very soon and if that's the case, public information centres would be held along the line this spring.

"We want to give everyone (the opportunity for) due process and the chance to participate in the planning process," said Schneider.

He said at those centres the public could express its concerns. There would also be discussion about access road options and times of year for construction that would be the least disruptive for the landowners.

"We will do our best to place the towers in line with the existing towers to mitigate any visual impacts," said Schneider.

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