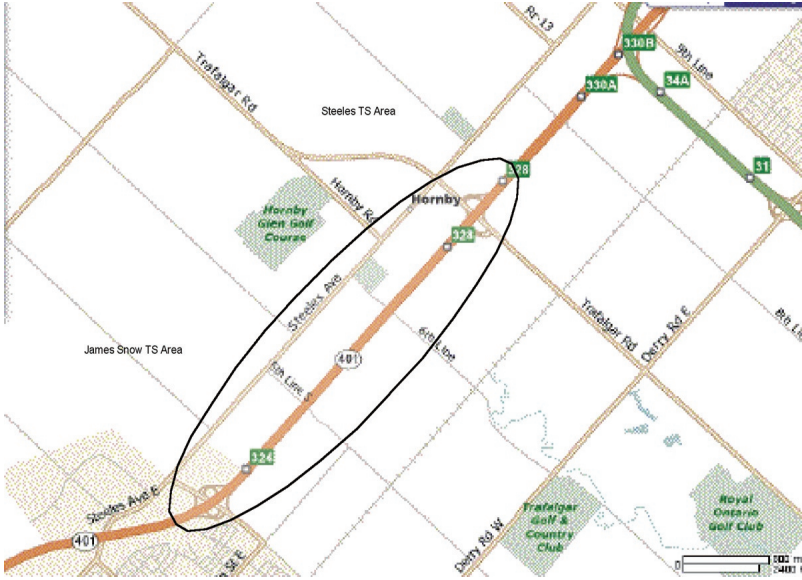


# Notice of Study Commencement

## Halton Hills Hydro Transmission Station No. 1 Class Environmental Assessment

### THE PROJECT

Halton Hills Hydro is initiating a plan to design, construct, and operate a 230/28 kV 125 MVA DESN municipal transformer station along the Steeles Avenue corridor between Trafalgar Road and James Snow Parkway. The proposed undertaking would connect to the existing distribution network at 27.6 kV to provide a reliable source of power to address increased electricity demand as a result of new residential and industrial development in the Town of Halton Hills.



### THE PROCESS

A Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the proposed undertaking is required under *Ontario Regulation 116/01 – Electricity Projects* and subject to *Environmental Assessment Act* approval in accordance with the “Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities”. The Class EA is conducted to select a preferred site following a specified planning process to identify environmental effects and evaluate a number of alternative sites.

A comprehensive consultation process involving government agencies and the public will be initiated early in the study process by the Project Team commencing with stakeholder notification. A Public Consultation Centre (PIC), as part of the overall consultation process, is currently scheduled for early Spring 2008 to provide opportunities for review and comment on Project initiatives. Notices providing the time and locations for each PIC will be published in local newspapers.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the study results will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period nearing completion of the study. Notices informing the public of the commencement of this review period will also be published in local newspapers.

### COMMENTS

If you would like to provide input to the study, request additional information, or have any questions related to the Project, please contact:

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Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will become part of the public record with the exception of personal information.

# Power use dipped 9.4% during Earth Hour

LISA TALLYN  
Staff Writer

Electricity consumption in Halton Hills during Earth Hour Saturday night went down 9.4 per cent, which is significantly higher than the 5.2 per cent provincial average reduction.

Damian Szybalski, the Town of Halton Hills Earth Hour co-ordinator, was very pleased with the participation across the town.

“People were very enthusiastic, very happy to participate and very creative,” said Szybalski, who, from the 60 e-mails he received from residents and businesses that registered their participation, conservatively estimated 230 people turned their lights out.



But based on the hydro reduction total there were, “obviously a lot more people who were doing something,” said Szybalski.

During the world-wide event, area residents not only turned their lights out, they had candlelight dinners with friends, ate locally-grown food, organized environmental presentations and discussions, turned their televisions and computers off, went out walking, stargazing or read bedtime stories to their kids by flashlight, said Szybalski.

“It’s definitely raising awareness. It’s a good start,” he said.

Winners of the three energy efficient gift baskets provided by the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Hills Hydro will be announced at the Town Council meeting April 7.

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