



Hydro interviews add insult to injury – Mayor

A request to interview Halton Hills residents who will be affected by Hydro One's plans to twin its hydro transmission line from Bruce, through Halton Hills, to Milton, adds insult to injury according to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette.

The Ontario Power Authority wrote the Town asking if a graduate student, examining the topic of "social friction" or NIMBYism (not in my backyard) in Ontario's electricity

sector, could interview affected landowners and invite them to a workshop.

Bonnette said he found the request, and suggestion that opposition to the hydro expansion was NIMBYism, is "almost offensive."

Sixty-six property owners in Halton, including 63 in Halton Hills will be affected by the project that will twin the existing transmission line, using 175 to 200-feet of

property to the east of the existing line.

Regional Ward 1/2 Councillor Clark Somerville said the project has become a PR fiasco for Hydro One as it "slam dunked the towers through," and the research project is just an exercise to try to make people feel better.

The Mayor will "delicately" decline participation in the "social friction stakeholder interview and workshop."

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Galvcast raises funds for fire victims



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Coin Collectors annual meeting revealed much history. Page 12.



Lots of spit and polish as the Acton Sea Cadets were inspected last Wednesday. Page 4.

Two Acton schools now have homework clubs. Page 3.



MORE, PLEASE: It took a while for Bradley Rowe, 7, of Glen Williams to get his fill of pancakes on Saturday during the Sweet Taste of Spring fundraiser at the Limehouse Community Hall. – Frances Niblock photo

Expansion in Peel creates challenges

Having a community of 76,000 people "nestled" on the eastern Halton Hills border in Peel will create challenges for Halton Hills, according to Regional Ward 1/2 Councillor Clark Somerville, commenting on recent OMB approval of the Northwest Brampton expansion.

"It will probably be a great boon to the businesses, but it will probably put a strain on recreational facilities in the area as well, Somerville said, adding having Brampton next door is like sleeping beside an elephant and worrying the elephant will roll over.

Staff said the OMB approval cov-

ers 6,000 acres of land with houses for 76,000 and 19,000 jobs. Areas west of Mississauga Road will not be developed for 10 years.

Town staff will monitor Brampton's expansion and report on issues that will affect Halton Hills, including transportation and watershed management.

Company matches employees' donations

By Frances Niblock

If there is a bright spot in a recent fire that forced the Nessel family from their Acton apartment, it is the generosity that is helping the family rebuild.

"I never thought for a second that we would gather this much money from these guys, and the company [being] willing to match dollar-for-dollar is a bonus, too," said Galvcast employee Duane Bickers, who started raising funds for the family after a fire caused \$75,000 to their Mill Street apartment two weeks ago.

Bickers said Galvcast quickly offered to match the several thousand dollars donated by Nessel's colleagues, and to make it easier to donate by deducting contributions directly from employee's paycheques.

Bickers had intended to set up a bank account for donations to the family of four, the Nessel's have two young daughters who attend local schools, but now doesn't think it will be

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