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Love from,

Grandma &

Grandpa Robinson

Aunt Tasha,

Uncle Bill

Aunt Tina & Dad

# Hydro switch south of Hwy. 7...

This means fewer Acton property owners - 29 not 34 would be impacted by the twinned line and there won't be any forced buyouts of land. Widening to the east, would have effected five property owners who would have been forced to move.

Project manager Gary Schneider said they have selected the exact location for the area where the line will switch from the east side of the corridor to the west. It is an area south of Highway 7 between the Fourth and Fifth Lines, in a gravel pit owned by C.D.M. Quarry. He said the switchover area was moved from north of Highway 7, to south of the highway to alleviate traffic issues and make it less

'We've begun rolling out our compensation offers and with about 350 private properties affected by the line, it's quite a number of offers to table," Schneider said on Monday, adding they are still arranging meetings in Halton Hills to meet with property owners and table offers.

Schneider said it is too early to tell how the offers are being viewed by affected landowners. He said the offers are based on Hydro One's land acquisition compensation principles that were developed last spring with input from landowners and a powerline group.

The 29 Acton area residents whose land will be affected by Hydro One's plan are now deciding if they will grant Hydro One an easement on their property so the new line and corridor can be built and maintained, or if they will sell outright the strip of land needed for the project.

"No landowners has come after the first meeting and said 'this is just what we want', so its premature to comment on how the negotiations are going,' Schneider said, adding the whole point is to offer financial incentives to encourage early settlement and avoid the lengthy expropriation process.

The need for the Bruce to Milton Project was established by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and is consistent with provincial land use policy and the "Off-Coal" program targets. Proponents said the line will avoid the high cost of stranded power supplies in the Bruce area, and the OPA concluded the Bruce to Milton project is the only practical alternative to deliver power to the Greater Toronto Area.

The Ministry will accept comments on the EA for eight weeks – from December 5 until January 30, 2009, and for details on how to make comments call 1-800-416-6290.

Hydro One hopes it will have provincial approval by January 2009, and the target date for service is 2011. Estimated cost of the project is \$635-million.



You don't have to spend big bucks to have fun in the Acton area – many groups offer events for free, or at a price that's easy on the wallet.

The New Tanner weekly offers five of these "inexpensive" events to our readers.

# 1: Sunday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. St. Alban's Anglican Church, Free

A Candlelight Carol Service will be followed by a reception. All are welcome. For details call 519-853-2711 or visit www.stalbansacton.com.

## 2: Sunday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Churchill Community Church, A free will offering.

All are welcome to the annual Candlelight Service, featuring the adult choir and children as they

present this year's Christmas story.

#### 4: Tuesday, December 16, 6 p.m. McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, Free.

The school will combine a book sale, craft night and a concert with the school band. The book fair runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the crafts from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the concert in the gym runs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### 5: Monday, Dec. 30 and Friday, January 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Free,

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Acton and the Georgetown Optimist Club there will be free skating at Acton arena during the Christmas holidays. The skating is first-come, firstadmitted, subject to rink capacity.

# Driver in 3 crashes within hour and half

only a week into the holiday R.I.D.E campaign aimed at taking dangerous drivers off the

Halton Police were roaad, when on December 3 they investigated three separate accidents in Oakville, by the same vehicle, within an hour and a half.

Shortly after 5:30pm police investigated a minor accident on Trafalgar Rd. When a female driver involved had left the scene. Fortunately there were no injuries. Half an hour later at 6pm police responded to another accident on Trafalgar Rd. with a vehicle matching the description of the first crash involved. Again, the driver left the scene before police arrived.

Then shortly before 7pm a Halton officer saw the suspect vehicle – a grey 2006 Mazda – drive through a red light at an intersection on Speers Rd, in Oakville, continue through the intersection, mount the curb and come to rest on a grassy area beside the road.

A 53-year-old Mississauga woman was arrested at the scene and faces a number of charges including impaired driving and failing to remain at accident scenes.



