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Town fines can now be paid online

It is now much easier to pay speeding or parking ticket as the Town instituted a new paytictets.ca system on Monday.

Anyone issued an Ontario Provincial Offences Act violation – such as traffic tickets, seat belt infractions and speeding tickets – can now pay the fine on-line using either a VISA or MasterCard.

For a fee of \$1.50 for a parking ticket and \$3.00 for a provincial offence, people can now

go on line and use paytictet.ca. to pay the ticket. Currently the only way to pay parking tickets is in person at the municipality, by calling the Town and using a credit card or by mail.

In a briefing last week to Town Council, Patricia Thielan with the Town's Information Services, said the new program is a huge customer service initiative that will also give staff more time to deal with other matters. She also

said the site is very secure and payments go right into the Town's general ledger.

Thielan was unable to say how much paytictet.ca receives from each fine paid, but said there is a percentage fee paid.

While discussing tickets, Regional and Town Councillor Jane Fogal said she's had complaints that a number of residents in the Glen Williams area had been issued with \$30

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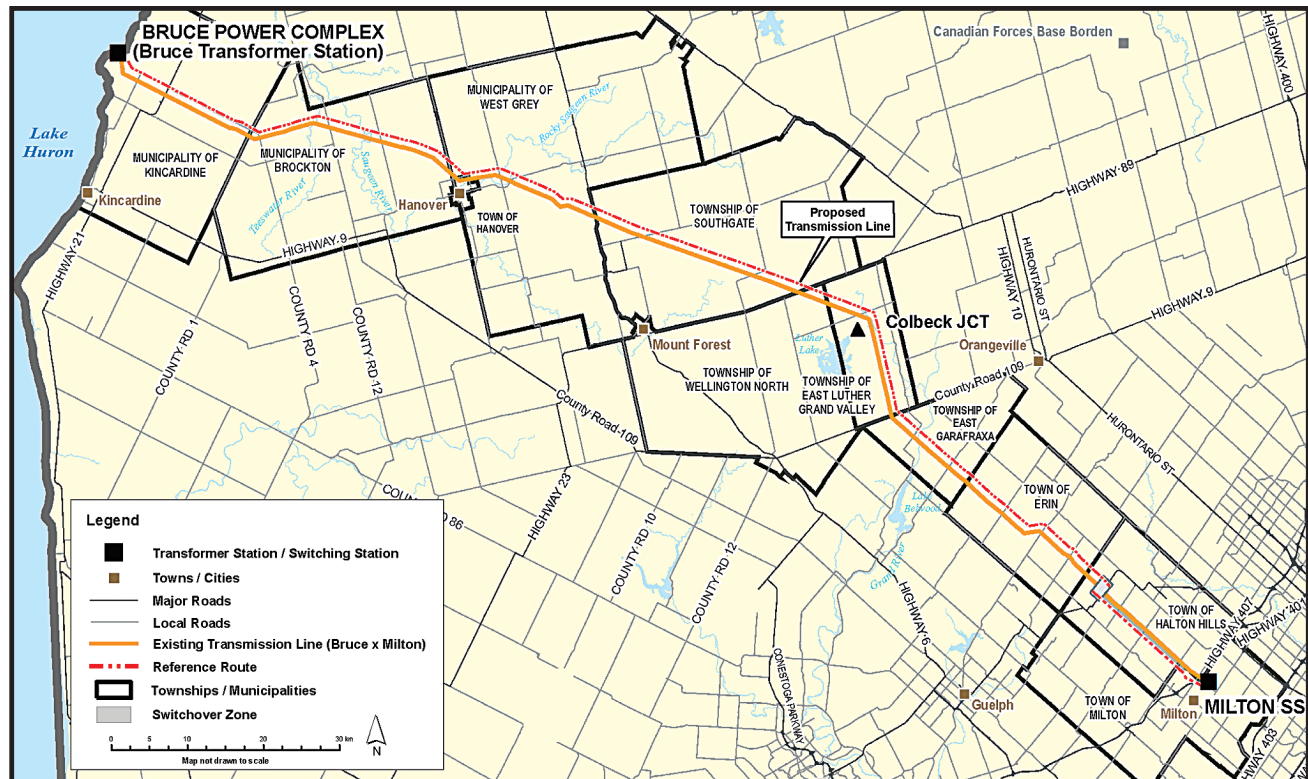
Hydro corridor land owners here have voluntary settlement offers



Dr. David Vanderbent is being honoured by an evening on Friday, April 3. See Page 3



A cancer survivor knows the importance of 2009 campaign. See Page 4



Hydro hopes to avoid expropriation

By Frances Niblock

All of the 30 Acton area and Halton Hill residents whose land will be affected by Hydro One's plan to twin its existing power corridor from the Bruce Power Facility to Hydro One's Milton switching station have received voluntary settlement offers from Hydro land agents.

Hydro One is seeking approval to build a 180-kilometre double-circuit 500-kilovolt transmission line on a widened existing transmission corridor, and through the Acton area the line will be twinned to the west of the exiting corridor, not the east as originally proposed.

In Erin, the new line would be built to the east of the existing corridor. In Halton Hills a switchover will be built just south of Highway 7 between the Fourth and Fifth Lines, just east of Acton. That configuration results in no forced buyouts of Acton property compared

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Carr calls for Region tax freeze

Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr has delivered a motion to the Regional Clerk, indicating his intention to call for a tax freeze on regional taxes for 2010. This motion will be brought forward at the April 1 council meeting.

"The Canadian economy is currently in a recession and a recovery is not anticipated until 2010. These current

difficult economic conditions have resulted in significant challenges to the taxpayer in the Halton community and I believe we need to take appropriate action," Carr said this week.

Traditionally, staff has developed the Budget Directions for Council approval in the summer of the preceding year, a document that outlines the parameters and guidelines used to cre-

ate the upcoming year's budget. The Chair's proposed motion also directs staff to bring this document forward for council approval in the spring instead to allow for adequate time for preparation and implementation.

Carr's motion will be discussed at the Regional Council meeting on April 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Halton Regional Centre.



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