

Reader upset with newspaper's lack of coverage on hydro issues

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an objection with the Ontario Energy Board. Mayor Hazel McCallum stated that they were the only objectors, the only reason being that it was not covered by the press.

The local utility companies will be privatized and assume some 24 billion dollars of Ontario Hydro debt. Some of our local utilities are being sold to the highest bidder, and surprise, surprise, our former Ontario Hydro relieved of some 24 billion of their debt have purchased some of these utilities. If they operate them in the same efficient manner as they operated in the past, they will soon have their

debt back to \$37 billion.

If your mediocre newspaper wanted to inform people of Milton and southern Ontario of how our daily lives are being changed by the Harrassment government, you could try and cover the hydro story as it will effect our lives now and in the coming years.

The Harrassment government is saying that the privatization of hydro would lead to lower rates. It has had the opposite effect. The Ontario Energy Board has already had several submissions for rate increases as high as 10%. The Harris government has postponed these rate hearings until after the next provincial

election.

We have recently had our local elected hydro commission disbanded and the assets and debt of Ontario Hydro included, turned over to the Town. Some utilities had a surplus, which the municipal councils cannot wait to spend. The Town of Milton hired a firm of consultants to advise them on the appointment of seven new hydro directors. They ignored the recommendations, and appointed a more flexible group of their own choice.

I understand from the Town office that they recently called a news conference to inform local papers of these appointments and the

names of the appointees. I recently had the Town fax me a copy of the bylaw with the names of these people. I suggest your paper print the names, addresses and phone numbers of our newly appointed Hydro Board of Directors with the date of their inaugural meeting in order for us shareholders to attend.


As I have yet to see any news of these events in your paper, I feel the people of Milton should be informed.

Should your paper require further news, call me at 854-9858.

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