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HANGING OUT: Justin Magalona, 9, and his sisters Julianne, 7, and Jamille, 6, enjoy Saturday's Arts Milton Festival on Main Street beneath one of their father's acrylic paintings. The piece depicts the trio at a much younger age. See more arts festival photos in this Friday's A&E section.

Residents get details on proposed power plant close to Milton

By Lisa Tallyn
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

More than 100 area residents were at Pineview Public School Wednesday night to learn more about the hydro-generating station being proposed for the Hornby area.

The public meeting was hosted by TransCanada Energy Ltd., which hopes to build the natural gas-fuelled, combined cycle power plant on an 80-acre parcel of land located on the southwest corner of Sixth Line South and Steeles Avenue in the Halton Hills 401-407 Gateway Business Park (401 Corridor).

The station is to have a generating capacity of about 680 mega-watts.

Neil Myers, director of power development engineering for TransCanada, said the footprint of the station would encompass about 25 acres of the site.

It's to include two industrial gas turbines, two heat recovery steam generators, a steam turbine generator and an air-cooled condenser or cooling tower.

TransCanada representative Finn Greflund said noise levels coming from the plant wouldn't exceed Ministry of Environment (MOE) requirements of 50 decibels during the day and 45 decibels at night. Existing ambient noise in the area is currently higher than the amount of noise the plant would generate, he said.

Myers said the plant would have two stacks, likely between 150 and 200 feet tall, but some people at the meeting had concerns about emissions.

Most of the chemical emissions from those stacks would be carbon dioxide, but also some other byproducts of combustion such as nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxides.

Environmental manager for the

company, Christine Cinnamon, said Thursday emission rates for the Halton Hills station hadn't been determined yet, but another plant they plan to build in downtown Toronto is to have annual emission rates of 1,000 tonnes of nitrogen oxides, 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide and 4 tonnes of sulphur dioxide.

Cinnamon said those are all well below MOE requirements.

She stressed the Toronto plant will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and while the operating hours of the Halton Hills generating station haven't yet been determined, it isn't expected to run around the clock.

Myers said the company has to meet MOE emission rates and is currently

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