

Committee's recommendation to go to council next week

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is peanuts.”
Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Colin Best said while he doesn't want to spend any more money than the Town has to, he concurred that the review should go ahead.

“We're here to ensure every task that can be undertaken is,” he said.
Milton's concern with the potential health impacts of the plant was discussed at the

Region's planning and public works committee meeting Wednesday.
Chris Breen, TCE's senior consultant on government relations, told the committee the Ministry of the Environment standards that the plant has to adhere to are designed to ensure the facility doesn't impact human health.

He also outlined what TCE plans to do to reduce emissions, such as using low-sulphur

diesel for the backup generator and examining new technologies to reduce emissions as they become available.

TCE consultant Don Gorber pointed out the plant's emissions would be below the regulatory levels.

In addition, he said that even when the car exhaust from nearby Hwy. 401 is taken into account, the emission levels would still be under the ministry requirements.

TCE was awarded a 20-year contract by the Ontario Power Authority in November to build a 680-megawatt, natural gas-fired generating station on Steeles Avenue, just west of Sixth Line.

The administration and planning committee recommendation will go before town council Monday.

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Some don't test their wells

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over the results from two studies in 2000 (45 per cent and 52 per cent with unacceptable water), he deemed the percentage to still be much too high.
“Those are terrible statistics,” he noted.

The 2006 study also found that 54 per cent of residents who have wells never test their water for bacteria, while 13 per cent sample three times a year, another 13 per cent sample twice a year and 20 per cent sample once per year.

“Our recommended frequency is three times per year,” said Halton Environmental Health Manager Tony Amalfa.

Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville suggested the Region be a bit more proactive in its efforts to get residents to sample their water. The councillors then brainstormed ways to get citizens to do that, such as by making the testing bottles available in more locations or mailing the bottles out.

Amalfa said staff is exploring other

options to distribute the bottles.
Those who have unacceptable levels of bacteria in their wells are provided educational information and advice by the health department. Staff can also check out a well and recommend ways to fix the bacteria problem.

Among the causes of bacteria in the water are faulty well lids or cracked casings, which allow rain water and surface water to get in.

Amalfa said that the health department isn't aware of any health problems that've been caused by the bacteria. He explained the presence of bacteria indicates that disease-causing organisms may also be in the water.

About 7,500 homes in Halton are on well water, with most of them located in Milton and Halton Hills.

A well water information session will be held April 25 at the Nassagaweya Community Centre from 3:30 to 9 p.m.

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