



MWRRA

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The Meadow Wood Rattray Ratepayers Association Newsletter

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President's Message

Jane Moore

Since the announced location for a new gas-fired electricity generation plant to be built by TransCanada Corporation, we have been busy voicing our opposition to its location within our air shed. While we acknowledge the need for increased electrical generation for the GTA, a plant located in Oakville along Royal Windsor Drive seems incomprehensible when taking into account the existing airshed and the proximity to major transportation corridors and built-up residential areas. Yes, we need power generation to replace the Lakeview site; but we continue to propose the Healthy Solution outlined in an article in this newsletter.

The Town of Oakville is working to stop the plant from being built. Recently, Ford of Canada's application to sever a parcel that would be the plant site was refused by Oakville's Committee of Adjustment.

Our association continues to work with the City of Mississauga Council, Mississauga Residents' Association Network MIRANET and C4CA (Citizens for Clean Air) to ensure that the plant does not get built within the overtaxed Clarkson airshed.

Our Annual General Meeting will present a panel to update the community on the status of TransCanada's proposal and how we can continue the opposition against any facility being located within our airshed. Thank you to MWRRA directors and neighbours who have supported our efforts opposing any plant to date. Come out to our AGM to voice your concerns.

There is no safe place in the over-stressed airshed for a gas-fired power plant.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 28
Green Glade School
7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Panellists

Pat Mullin, City Councillor, Ward 2
Dr. Eileen De Vila, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Peel Region
Dr. Boyd Upper, Whiteoaks / Lorne Park Community Association, AQTF member
Charles Sousa, MPP Mississauga South
Dorothy Tomiuk, MIRANET Spokesperson, AQTF member
AQTF Air Quality Task Force

The Power Plant Update

by Sue Shanly and Michelle deGasperis

In the summer of 2009, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) chose the company TransCanada to build a 950 megawatt gas-powered electrical plant on Ford plant property in East Oakville. Since that announcement there has been a public outcry by citizens of Mississauga and Oakville.

The concerns are about toxic emissions in an already over-stressed air shed and the power plant's proximity to homes and schools. The campaign to stop the building of the plant has been extensive; a rally at Queen's Park, signs on lawns and buses, and sustained pressure on Provincial politicians.

This is a overview of recent activities and developments that the MWRRA and MIRANET have witnessed or tracked. The MIRANET website www.miranet.ca is the most up-to-date Mississauga source of information about this issue and is heavily consulted by government and media.

March 26

The Oakville Beaver reports Mayor Burton questioning the OPA. Why is the OPA issuing contracts under a power supply plan that has not been approved by the Ontario Energy Board? Why is the OPA building generation, the need for which they can't show, as demand continues to decline?

March 25

The Community Advisory Committee of the Air Quality Task Force hold their third meeting. The task force will deliver an air quality action plan to the Ontario government by the end of June 2010.

March 24

The Oakville Beaver reports that Oakville MPP, Kevin Flynn, has asked the OPA 24 times why the Oakville site was chosen. He feels the Oakville site is the least suitable. **Since the Oakville site is one of four initially considered, the other three being in Mississauga, the MWRRA and Mississauga response to Mr. Flynn would be that no sites are suitable as they all fall within the over-stressed airshed.**

March 22

Kevin Flynn introduces private member Bill 8 into the Legislature. The Bill enacts the Separation Distances for Natural Gas Power Plants Act, 2010 which prohibits the construction, installation or expansion of a natural gas power plant unless the plant is at least 1,500 metres from any land zoned for residential use or any land on which an educational facility, day nursery or health care facility

The Healthy Solution

If Oakville is successful in stopping the power plant, what will the Ontario government do?

MWRRA think the best solution is to upgrade the Trafalgar transmission corridor and convert the Nanticoke coal-fired generating station plant.

On March 24, the Simcoe paper reported that Haldimand Mayor Marie Trainer has recruited Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion to lobby the province to keep some type of electrical generation at Nanticoke.

Nanticoke could be switched over to another cleaner-burning fuel. OPG has experimented with biomass at the station and will continue to look at that option.

Read more about The Healthy Solution on the next page.

is located."

The Bill goes to Second Reading and debate in the Legislature on Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Dr. David Pengelly, an engineer and physiologist who has worked in the field of air pollution research for over 40 years and who has served on the Advisory Committee on Environmental Standards in Ontario, responded to the question of whether there are safe set-backs for gas-fired power plants, as follows.

"It has often been said 'Air pollution knows no boundaries' and thus the concept of 'setback', which is often used in land use planning, is not applicable when dealing with land use where air pollution is an important issue."

March 10 Ward 2 councillor Pat Mullin moved a resolution at City Council that passed unanimously. It directed City staff to review Oakville's latest bylaw (see below) and report back to Council on what would be required to develop and induce a similar bylaw in Mississauga.

In February the Oakville Town Council passed Health Protection and Air Quality Bylaw 2010-035. Under the new bylaw, the proposed power plant and all future major industries must apply for facility-specific approval of their proposed air emissions, whether or not they hold Provincial certificates of approval.

March 9 Oakville's Committee of Adjustment denied an application from Ford of Canada for a land severance and also denied an application from Trans Canada for a variance on the proposed land to be severed. The committee said that there can be no applications granted while there is an interim bylaw in place. The Oakville interim bylaw denying the building of power plant over 2MW can be renewed for another year at the end of March, 2010.

The Healthy Solution: Transmission

by John Pegram

Transmission is a healthy alternative to local generation.

The presence of a new gas fuelled local generation plant would increase the negative health impacts of atmospheric pollution in the Clarkson – Oakville Airshed Study Area (C-OASA).

The local gas plant proposed by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) is planned to operate 10% to 40% of the year. Therefore, the South West Greater Toronto Area (SWGTA) transmission system only requires the support of local generation 10% to 40% of the year.

Currently the SWGTA transmission corridor is supplied with power from the east. If power were to be supplied using the west end of the system via the Oakville Transformer Station (OTS) 10% to 40% of the year, reliability previously provided by the Lakeview Generating Station (no longer in opera-

The MWRRA thinks MPP Kevin Flynn's Bill 8 does not go far enough because it:

- Does not account for toxic air emissions
- Relies on setback, which is a land use planning concept

tion) would have to be provided by control equipment attached to a new 230kV transmission line from Trafalgar Transformer Station (TTS) north of Oakville to the OTS aligned with 9th line.

The combination of a supplemented supply via a new 230kV line to the west end of the SWGTA, operating 10% to 40 % of the year with the appropriate control equipment to provide the reliability previously supplied by local generation, would avoid the negative health impacts of new, gas fuelled generation in the C-OASA.

In addition, the following points:

1. The negative health impacts should be based on A) the gas plant operating 90% of the year and B) the frequent daily start-ups and shut-downs required to get the best economic return maximizing the periods when

the pollution levels are much greater than under steady state full power operation.

2. No local generation assumes remote generation. (currently a combination of Bruce [nuclear] and Nanticoke [coal]. Remote gas generation in an area outside the C-OASA {and the SWGTA} would produce the same amount of pollution but with the opportunity for maximum dilution, and reduced negative health effects.

3. Previously, when the SWGTA transmission system was under periodic maximum supply conditions, Lakeview would be brought on-line and stability would be maintained. Currently the SWGTA system is operating without the support of Lakeview.

4. As demand in the SWGTA increases, additional power will be required. If the additional

amount in the near future is moderate then it should be supplied remotely with appropriate control equipment to maintain reliability.

5. Assuming the marginal need of 10% to 40% stated by OPA, remote sourcing is unlikely to strain existing remote generation sources.

6. If 900mW generation is available, the taxpayers of Ontario will demand that it be operated to minimize overall plant costs and overall Provincial costs. Also on a daily bid basis, the opportunity to be competitive with other generators will tend to maximize operating hours. Only when used as a base load source (maximum operating time) with many start-ups and shutdowns at maximum pollution, will the economics be most favourable. Minimum cost per kilowatt equals maximum pollution: concentrated in the already stressed C-OASA.

WHAT IS MIRANET?

MIRANET is a city-wide, volunteer network of Ratepayer and Residents' Associations in Mississauga. Individual residents' groups work with their Councillors and other elected representatives and MIRANET helps these groups and the City by consolidating input.

The MIRANET website, www.miranet.ca,

- Is an index to city-wide issues
- Supports communication among associations and citizens
- Provides citizen-oriented support for residents' groups
- Is a resource for any resident looking to start or join a residents' association.

MIRANET wants to foster community engagement in the public decision-making process. It has an open, research-oriented process designed to inform and confirm consensus among all groups before officially taking a united position on any issue.

The Rio-Can Plaza Redevelopment

The Homesense building will move to the northeast corner of the plaza and McDonalds will front on Lakeshore Road and retain its drive-through.

An eight-story “seniors” building will be built on the present Homesense site and a two storey building in the center/front of the site will be set back to accommodate a plaza-type open space for public assembly.

The plaza redevelopment needs were agreed upon by all parties at the Ontario Municipal Board meeting. The city’s needs, which were supported by a focus group and consistent with the Clarkson Village visioning exercise, will form the basis of the re-developed plaza.

No start date for this re-development has been announced

The Satellite Drive-In Restaurant will be redeveloped. The developer wants a height of 15 stories. This is not supported by the community and the City. The developer is appealing to the OMB.

Wastewater Facilities Removed from the Marsh

by John Pegram

As a result of MWRRA’s involvement, the marsh will be relieved of wastewater facilities.

New diversionary wastewater sewers have been installed by the Region of Peel after the community clearly stated they

want all wastewater facilities including the pumping station near the Bexhill entrance to the Marsh removed.

When the new link through to Clarkson Road north is completed we intend to follow-up with the Region to ensure the pumping station is removed and the redundant sewers are blocked with cement slurry.

The Clarkson Airshed Study Industrial Association

(CASIA) erected an air quality monitoring station adjacent to the south side of the tennis courts in Meadowood Park. CASIA is a group of industries and other parties, such as the Ministry of the Environment, who want to reduce atmospheric pollution in our community.

News from Clarkson School

We are very proud of our students' and families' community spirit. Recent activities included:

- Participating in the Terry Fox run/walk in the neighbourhood.
- Raising \$500 in Send Hope to Haiti to benefit Unicef, an amazing total from our 120 students.
- A fantastic Olympics day where the students competed in sports creatively adapted to the school environment.



Photo courtesy of Paul Moore

What's on

April and May

Annual Flower Fundraiser

Clarkson Public School

Orders due Thursday, April 29

- Flats and hanging baskets of high quality annuals for sale at great prices
- Forms are available in the school office
- Pickup at the school on Thursday, May 20

Meadow Wood Tennis Club Opening Day

Meadow Wood Tennis Club

Saturday, May 8

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meadow Wood Park off Apple Lane

- Register for the upcoming season
- Find out about our junior programs and summer camps.
- Sign up for lessons from local qualified instructors
- Learn about upcoming events
- Registration events happen rain or shine
- Annual memberships range from \$125 for a family to \$30 for under-18.

Visit www.meadowwoodtennis.com for more details



Photo courtesy of Paul Moore

Music Monday

Clarkson Public School

Monday, May 3

1:00 pm

Clarkson Public School

Students will join children from around the country to sing simultaneously Serena Ryder's, "Sing Sing".

Members of the community are invited to join us for this special event which, we hope, will be outside.

Did you order flowers from us? Pickup starts on Thursday, May 20th.

At the Museums

To April 25

The View Around Here: 150 years of Paintings, Drawings and Photographs of Benares

Benares Historic House

To June 13

D-constructed: A Student's Survey of the World Around Them

Bradley Museum

July to December

175 Years of Port Credit History

Bradley Museum

January to June 2011

Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective

Bradley Museum

What's on

June

MWRRA Picnic

Saturday, June 12, 2010

4 p.m. until dark

Bradley Museum grounds

Sponsored by MWRRA for all residents within the association boundaries.

- Meet your neighbours
- Live music
- Games, races, crafts and a campfire
- Great food and drink to buy as long as supplies last

If you can help with the planning or on the day of the event, please call Mary Ann Stokke at 416-420-8027.

Ongoing

New students

Clarkson Public School

To register your child, please contact the school office: 905-823-4470

Become a Friend of the Museum

We are lucky to have the Bradley Museum in our neighbourhood and Benares House nearby.

Show your support and appreciation, become a Friend. Friends fundraising efforts:

- Provide buses for school programs
- Contribute to the museum collections
- Support a variety of public events.

Visit www.museumsofmississauga.com

Local businesses can sponsor the museums and position themselves for creative marketing opportunities. For more information, contact Mary Ann Stokke at 416-420-8027.

Strawberries in Bloom Family Festival

*Clarkson Village Merchants & Clarkson
Business Improvement Association*

Saturday, June 12

12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Downtown Clarkson

Rides for kids, face painting,
pony rides

Outdoor cinema at twilight behind Chartwell Church.
Bring your own lawnchair,



Membership - Why Join?

Show your support and lend strength to our association. Membership fees are the only source of revenue and are used to offset the costs of the annual meeting, newsletters, annual picnic & welcoming material. A cash reserve is maintained to cover legal costs if required to protect our residential interests.

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MWRRA Membership Application

Currently, you are a : **Member** **Non-member**

If we missed you when we delivered this newsletter, please take a minute to
become a member or renew your membership.

Deliver or mail your completed application and membership fee
to the director circled above or to our Treasurer, Don Harrington.

Thank you for your support.

Fee enclosed (circle one) April 2010 to April 2011 **\$10** or April 2010 to April 2012 **\$20**

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Email (will not be shared)
