

Innisfil, New Tecumseth to get new powerlines

by **Richard Blanchard**
Two new powerlines through Essa township are being proposed through Essa township to serve the towns of Innisfil and New Tecumseth.

Essa council learned last week that the lines from the newly constructed transformer station, east of Everett on County Road 5, would follow the paths of two existing lines.

The line to serve New Tecumseth, with 44KV conductors and taller poles, would serve as alternate sup-

ply route for Honda and would run down County Road 15 (Borden Road) to the fifth sideroad of Essa and then down the third line of Essa to the New Tecumseth boundaries.

The line for Innisfil and Barrie Hydro would run along Essa's 10 sideroad to County Road 27.

Existing lines would be upgraded with higher capacity conductors and taller and wider hydro poles.

Councillor Rick Newlove said that he would prefer to see Hydro One hold a public meeting to inform local residents.

"Council should ask for one. We're looking at some big poles going into place," he said.

Essa CAO Greg Murphy said that Hydro One has already contacted some landowners along the routes on an individual basis.

"I understand that some of them are not very happy," he said.

McGuinty Liberal's bold new rapid transit plan to benefit Barrie, surrounding residents

BARRIE - The announcement by the McGuinty Liberals of a new rapid transit plan will result in more jobs in Barrie, reduce traffic congestion and



Special Const. Les Bluestein, Const. Judy Walker and Sgt. Lisa Hunt received the Award of Excellence - Community Oriented Patrol at the Police Services Board meeting Monday night. Chief Bruce Davis, outgoing Board Chair Marty Toombs and Zone 3 VP Terry Clayton made the presentation. **photo by Michelle Minnoch**

improve the environment and is another example of the progress being made by the McGuinty Liberals, said Liberal candidate Aileen Carroll today.

"This is great news for the City of Barrie," said Carroll. "These transit investments will make a significant difference in the lives of the people who live and work in Barrie. More accessible transit means quicker commutes, less traffic congestion and better air quality."

Under the new transit plan, the Barrie would see:

- Expansion of service on the Bradford GO rail line extension to Barrie beyond the four daily trains expected to serve Barrie by late 2007
- Doubling the tracks to allow for more frequent service

MoveOntario 2020, a \$17.5 billion rapid transit

plan, is the largest transit investment in Canadian history. By 2015, two-thirds of the construction for MoveOntario 2020 will be completed, with nearly full completion of the plan in 2020.

The province is contributing up to \$11.5 billion and is calling on the federal government to cover at least one third of the costs, expected to be \$6 billion.

The province will cover the balance of the capital costs and the province and municipalities will continue to share operating costs through the provincial gas tax program. The Greater Toronto Transportation Authority has been asked to

report back with an implementation plan for these projects by early 2008.

Ontario's plan calls for 52 rapid transit projects that will create 175,000 jobs during construction while reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region by 10 megatonnes.

"While the Conservatives want to take Ontario backward, the McGuinty Liberals are moving Ontario forward by investing in our communities and in health, education, a cleaner environment and prosperity of our people," said Carroll. "There is still much progress to be made. We can't afford to turn back the clock, in Barrie or Ontario."

Essa fire pumper doesn't attract much interest

by **Richard Blanchard**
Essa township won't be

receiving much money on the sale of its 1993 half ton fire department truck.

Only two bids were received for the vehicle, which had extensive mileage and was in need of major repair work.

It was sold to Cochrane Mechanics for \$827 in "as is" condition. The money raised will be used to the purchase of a new truck by

the fire department.

Council also approved the sale of some other surplus equipment Wednesday night. It sold a 8 by 12 foot truck bed to R.W. Equipment for \$160, a blue utility box with crane for \$1,515 to HJV equipment and 1981 trackless sidewalk sweeper to Nad-core Environmental Shredding for \$2,000.

Kim and Dodie Taylor of Barrie, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter **Melanie Anne to Steven Harold**, son of Wallace and Isabelle Black of Innisfil.

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