

Editorial ? Crews missed the holidays too

No one needs to read a headline to know the last week has been a rough time for a lot of people throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), and that includes Caledon.

Indeed, as of press time, not everything has been returned to normal.

Last weekend's ice storm caused havoc in the area, knocking out the hydro power for many in the community. Granted, some of us got off lucky, and had power back relatively quickly. But others had to wait days. In many cases, our neighbours would have seen carefully-laid plans for the holidays disrupted, if not cancelled.

That was a major upset for those who had to endure it, but we should also not forget the crews who worked around the clock, including Christmas Day, to try and restore that power. These people made some very serious sacrifices to help others in the community.

In the edition of the Citizen that comes out during the holidays, we usually devote a lot of space to recognizing those who stepped up and contributed to help those who might be struggling during the season. That is the case with this edition. But most people who contribute plan for it well advance. For many of us, they are part of our holiday traditions.

It's a different matter when workers are called upon to answer an emergency caused by nature during a time they would have expected to spend with their families.

True, in a lot of cases, they were simply doing their jobs. But these people also had their family obligations that they were compelled to put aside. It would not be easy on anyone.

These people are owed a lot of thanks, as are their families who had to adjust their plans accordingly.

At a time of year when the spirit of giving is so prominent, these people certainly came through, did they not?