

Hydrogen as a fuel source is safe

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We would like to address the topic of hydrogen fuel cells following articles this week in the Toronto Star, a local newspaper, and on a flyer circulated to some Bolton homes by a special interest group, Your Voice for Bolton, in which we were both mentioned. The flyer, which identified the group's choices for council, included a section called 'Breaking News' which spoke about the potential use of hydrogen fuel cell technology at the new Canadian Tire facility in the industrial area on Coleraine Drive. The press coverage has referred to this as a pilot project. It needs to be clear that it is not a pilot project of hydrogen fuel technology, but rather a pilot project for Canadian Tire to explore its use in their facility to cleanly power their forklifts. Hydrogen as a fuel source is a safe, proven, zero-emission technology and globally used for well over a decade. Generating fear over use of an environmentally-friendly technology, governed by regulations and strict safety standards, may have more to do with political agendas than public safety.