

Region waving encroachment fee for Hydro One

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Peel Region will not be charging Hydro One a customary encroachment fee of \$300 for its property on Simpson Road in Bolton. Regional staff recently reported Hydro One Networks inc. acquired the Simpson Road property in 2012 for a new operations centre. The Region has a permanent watermain easement on the site against the title on the property. Documents state the easement lands must be kept clear of buildings, structures or obstructions, and that the area can't be paved. Staff reported Hydro One had sought permission to put up 10 light standards, a chain link fence about 2.4 metres in height, landscaping shrubs and a diversion swale that would be on the easement. After a number of meetings, staff reported there had been an agreement reached which will see Hydro One take responsibility for maintenance costs associated, and that the encroachments will be removed if the Region needs to do work on the easement within the encroachment.