



news release

Hydro One takes steps to enhance safety on Hydro rights-of-way; safety of children paramount

Toronto, May 7, 2009 — Hydro One announced today it has asked Hamilton Police to remind people that the use of motorized recreational vehicles on rights-of-way is prohibited. The Company and local police warned that people who use these vehicles on rights-of-way are subject to fines for trespassing.

"We recognize that Hydro One rights-of-way provide valuable recreational space in so many communities," said Lori Gardner, Hydro One, Corporate Security Services. "With many children and organized sports teams using our rights-of-way for recreation, we must enforce the rules against the use of motorized vehicles in the Hydro rights-of-way to ensure their safety."

Hydro One works with the City of Hamilton to review applications by soccer teams and other groups who regularly seek access to the right-of-way. Neighbours and residents who live nearby often use the grassy, open areas for walking or bird-watching. However, Hydro One discourages the operation of motorized vehicles on rights-of-way as they damage property, create noise disturbance, and pose a serious hazard to children and pedestrians who use the rights-of-way.

Hydro One and the Hamilton Police were on Hamilton Mountain to talk to owners of dirt bikes and other motorized vehicle about the importance of avoiding the rights-of-way, for their own safety and to avoid injuring others.

"The trespassing fine is \$65," said Sgt. David J. Hennick of the Hamilton Police.

This morning's event was designed to inform residents and issue warnings, but the next time dirt bikes are found on the property, trespassing tickets will be issued.

Rights-of-way are managed by Hydro One and are owned by the Province of Ontario, through the Ontario Realty Corporation. Interested sports clubs and other recreational applicants should contact Hamilton City Hall, which will then contact Hydro One on their behalf.

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