

**July 15, 2009**

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY HALTON REGIONAL COUNCIL OPPOSING POWER PLANTS**

**Proposed Natural Gas Electrical Power Plant**

WHEREAS the Ontario Power Authority has invited four firms to submit bids to construct and operate a new natural gas electrical power plant of approximately 850 megawatts in the south-western GTA;

AND WHEREAS three of the proposed sites for this power plant are situated in the Clarkson area of Mississauga and one in Oakville;

AND WHEREAS the Clarkson Airshed Study, Part II – Ambient Air Monitoring Program conducted by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, November 2006 concluded that the Clarkson airshed is taxed with respect to respirable particulate matter (PM2.5);

AND WHEREAS the Clarkson Airshed Study also identified exceedances of standards for inhalable particulate matter (PM10) and the volatile organic compounds acrolein and acrylonitrile;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing body of medical and scientific literature linking air contaminants with adverse human respiratory and cardiac effects, including premature mortality;

AND WHEREAS even the most modern and technologically advanced combined cycle natural gas electrical generating station will emit air contaminants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Halton calls upon the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to terminate the procurement process to site any electrical generation capacity in the Clarkson airshed area that would adversely affect ambient air quality in the Oakville and surrounding area.