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**TransCanada formally withdraws power plant application****Town closes final chapter on power plant****Oakville, January 7, 2011 - for immediate release**

TransCanada Energy Ltd. today requested that the town close all of its planning and development applications related to its proposal to build the Oakville Generating Station in the Town of Oakville. This action follows TransCanada and Ford Motor Company of Canada's decision to withdraw all of their appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in connection with the Oakville site and allows the town to formally close the book on this proposal.

TransCanada had a number of appeals before the OMB in connection with the proposed power plant, including appeals of the town's interim control by-law, official plan policies and zoning by-laws regarding power generation in the town, and planning applications associated with the project. Ford had an appeal before the OMB regarding its application to create a separate lot on Royal Windsor Drive to accommodate the proposed plant.

"While we were fully prepared to defend our policies and decisions at the OMB, Council, staff and our residents are very happy to finally be able to put this issue to rest," Mayor Rob Burton said. "The town remains committed to protecting the health of our residents and we will continue to move forward with the implementation of our innovative health protection air quality by-law."

Oakville was the first municipality in Ontario to establish a health protection air quality by-law to help protect Oakville residents from the harmful effects of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). The bylaw will allow the town to collect information on emissions from facilities within Oakville and implement an approval process for major emitters.

In response to a request from the town, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) announced late last year that it would undertake a review of the need for a new act or regulation with regard to PM2.5 and indicated it would take 15 to 18 months to complete their review.

"We look forward to working with the province and community groups such as Citizens For Clean Air (C4CA) to ensure that real progress is made towards improving air quality in the Clarkson-Oakville Airshed," Mayor Burton added.


The withdrawal of the OMB appeals comes on the heels of the abandonment by TransCanada last month of three court actions it had initiated against the town in connection with the proposed plant, including a challenge to the town's Health Protection Air Quality By-law 2010-035. The province formally announced its decision to cancel the proposed TransCanada power plant in Oakville on October 7, 2010.

For more information visit the [health protection air quality](#) page.

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