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Your Council and I have taken the strongest action a municipality can take.

On April 3, we banned power plants larger than 10 MW for a year while we study where they should go.

The local newspaper has covered it at least three times that I can think of. You may want to involve yourself in the study we are now doing. We cannot ban power plants from all parts of Town and the current ban will expire within one year. Selection of appropriate locations will result from the study and the associated public consultation.

You may find it useful to know that Mississauga has already done such a study for their municipality and their Council selected the Southdown Heavy Industrial Area as the place in Mississauga for power plants. This is the area between Royal Windsor and the Lake and between Winston Churchill and Southdown Road.

We on Oakville Town Council have been actively engaged on this front since last year when the Ontario Power Authority announced the process. We have taken every step we could at every stage in the process to protect the community.

I know very well how busy life can keep us, and I understand how surprising it must have been to you to learn the Ontario government thinks power plants belong so close to neighbourhoods.

I was similarly surprised nine years ago when the first application showed up, wanting to build on the Mississauga side of Winston Churchill. That proponent is an applicant in the current competition for a contract from the Ontario Power Authority. Nine years ago, we collected 12,000 names on a petition against the first power plant. The Provincial government and Mississauga's Council have already given them all of their required permits. All they lack now is an OPA contract to take their power. There are 3 other applicants, as I believe you may know, and they need to obtain the requisite permits as well as win the competition to get a production contract.

Both of Ward 3's Councillors, Keith Bird and Mary Chapin have been just as concerned as I have, and the rest of the Oakville Town Council have been strongly supportive. I am copying Keith and Mary so they can see about coming by the meeting with me. I'm also copying Joshua Creek Ratepayers Inc.'s leaders for their information.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob Burton

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