

Frequently asked questions and links

Where was the proposed site for the TransCanada power plant to be located?

The proposed site was located on lands owned by Ford Canada at 1500 Royal Windsor Drive in Oakville.

How did the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) decide where to build the new power plant?

The OPA announced their intention to build a natural gas fired power plant in the southwest GTA last fall. They commissioned research reports and technical studies of the area, and conducted public information sessions in early 2009. Please visit the [OPA Generation Procurement](#) website and click on "Procurement for Southwest Greater Toronto Area - October 9, 2009" to find links to studies and assessments.

Was the town consulted regarding the location for the new power plant?

The town took every opportunity to make its concerns about the air quality in the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed known to the OPA, and to protect the community from any potential harm.

What did the town do to protect the health of the Oakville community?

In February, the town raised concerns with the OPA regarding the speed at which decisions were being made regarding the proposed power plant, the lack of transparency in the location and proposal evaluation process, and the potential impacts on the environment and air quality a power plant could have.

On March 30, 2009, Council passed an interim control by-law and official plan amendment to ensure the necessary planning work and study could take place before any power plant over a 10 megawatt capacity could be constructed in Oakville. For more information, visit the [Land Use Study for Power Generation and Cogeneration](#) web page.

The town also filed an application with the Ontario government under the Environmental Bill of Rights asking the government to institute a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) - or a new air pollution act if need be - that effectively regulates the emissions of airborne fine particulate matter (fine PM) in order to protect communities from adverse health effects. The requested regulation would establish a limit on the level of concentration of fine PM in an affected airshed, based on known health risks. For more information, visit the [Environmental Bill of Rights](#) information web page.

Who can I contact to voice my concerns?

The town encourages all residents to communicate directly with their local [MP](#), [MPP](#), the [Ontario Minister of the Environment](#), the [OPA](#) and [TransCanada](#).

Where can I find information on TransCanada's proposal?

The TransCanada documents are no longer available on their website.

The links below contain information relevant to the proposed TransCanada power plant, but are not town-owned or operated.

- [Ontario Power Authority](#) (OPA)
- [Ontario Ministry of the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Commissioner of Ontario](#)
- [Environment Canada](#)
- [Citizens for Clean Air](#) (C4CA)
- TransCanada Pipelines Limited (Oakville Generating Station) - website is no longer available