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MAYOR DECLARES "STATE OF EMERGENCY"

Haldimand County Mayor Marie Trainer has declared a "State of Emergency" as parts of Haldimand County, including the community of Caledonia are experiencing a major power outage. The Emergency Control Group under the County's Emergency Plan is meeting to establish plans to ensure the needs of the community are provided during the power outage. These will include establishing an emergency telephone number which residents will be able to call for information, and an emergency shelter. As these plans are implemented, further news releases will be issued.

The County has been informed by Hydro One, that based on a preliminary review, the power outage could last two to three days in some areas. However, further information will be available from Hydro One on Tuesday, May 23. In the meantime Hydro One is working as quickly as possible to address the problem.

Hydro One is requesting that those with power conserve as much as possible to prevent an overload of the system which will cause further problems. Caution is urged for those without power in the use of alternate sources for light and heat, such as candles, indoor cooking on propane stoves, etc.

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