

Bird Diverters

Presentation to Uxbridge Council March 3, 2025

By

Nancy Melcher

Background

- Waterfowl have been using Elgin Pond since it was created by damming the Uxbridge Brook in the early 1800's – over 200 years!
- The recovery of Canada Geese and Trumpeter Swans from the risk of extinction are conservation successes.
- Collisions with man-made structures are a major cause of bird mortality.
- The Township is a certified Bird-Friendly Community and is taking steps to protect birds from collisions with windows at Town Hall.
- Larger birds are at risk from strikes with wires suspended from poles.

How do we protect large birds from collisions with power, utility, and communication wires?

1. Bury the wires.

2. Re-route the wires away from the flyway.

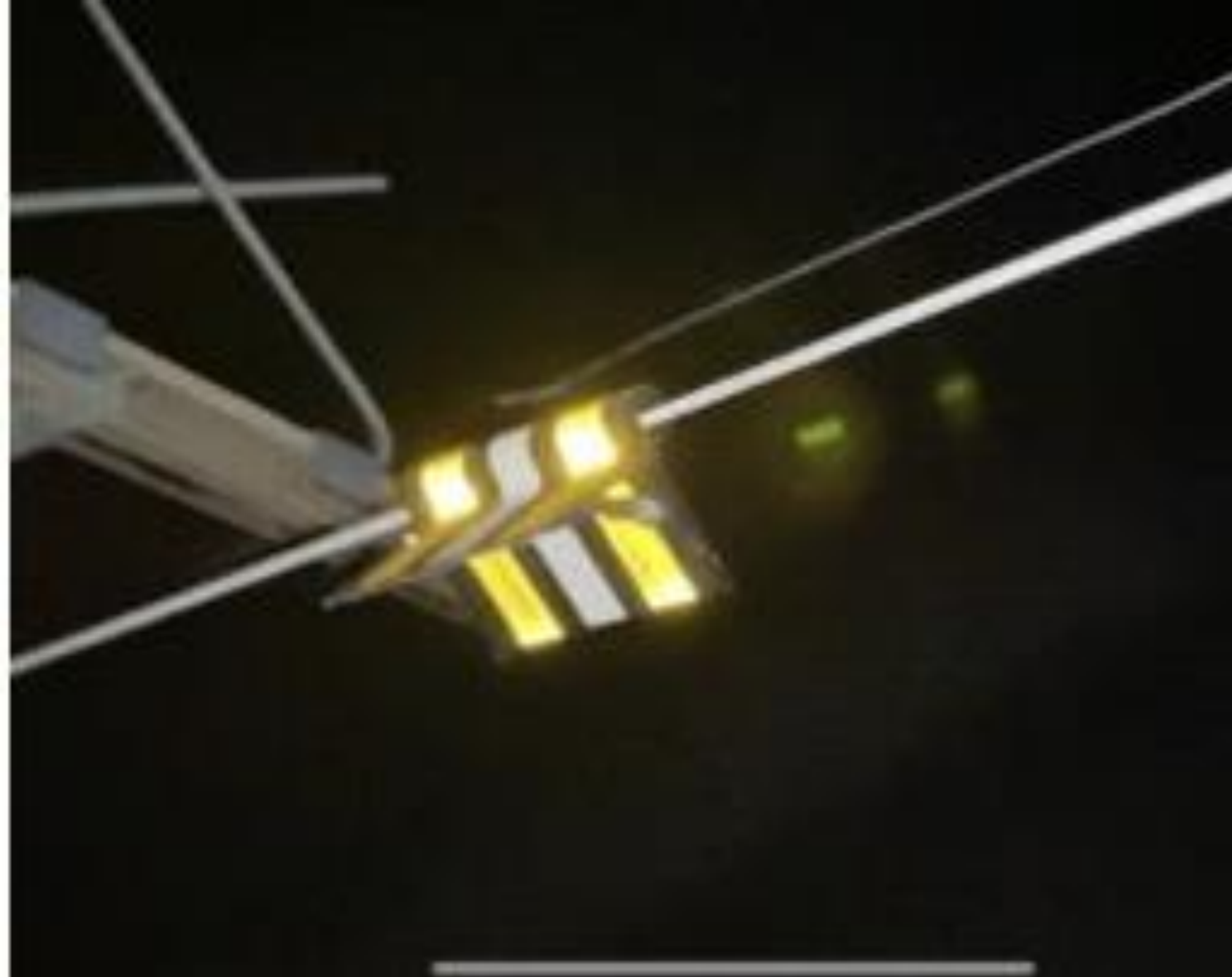
3. Make the lines more visible. Install BIRD DIVERTERS over the wires to make them stand out in low-light conditions.

- (4. Engage youth to toss their running shoes there instead of at random locations around town!)



Bird Diverters

- Device made of light-weight material
- Snaps over wire for secure installation
- Can handle sustained winds over 160 km/hr.



Low-light view

- Reflective yellow stripes and glow-in-the-dark center white strip
- Visible from above and below



Underside view

- Rubber band prevents horizontal movement
- Reflective and glow-in-the-dark strips on both top AND bottom sides for maximum visibility

Install by Drone!



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Bird Diverters



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Scare Eye Bird Deterrents

(Pkg. of 5)

Item AT231, Scare Eye Bird Deterrents, pkg. of 5

QUANTITY:

- 1 +

\$25.90

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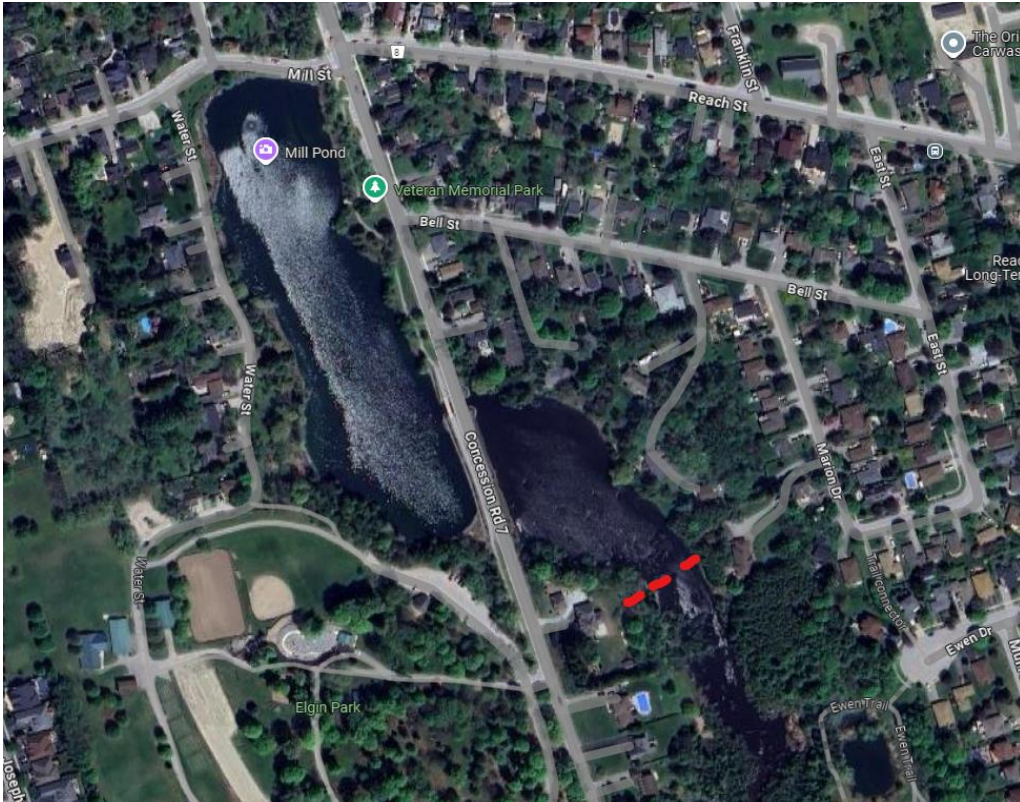
✓ Online - Available

[Check availability at all stores](#)

Deterrents for orchards

Not suitable - no left-right stability, reflective on only one side, not designed for installation on wires





Current progress by residents:

- 1. Bob Kirvan - commitment from **Hydro One** to install diverters on their lines running across the southeasternmost part of the ponds.

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EAST side utility wire

- 2. Mark Melcher - spoke with **Bell's** Corporate Responsibility and Environmental Department about this telecommunications cable – they are talking to Hydro One

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Next Steps, and why I am here today:

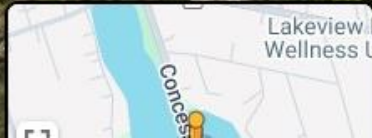
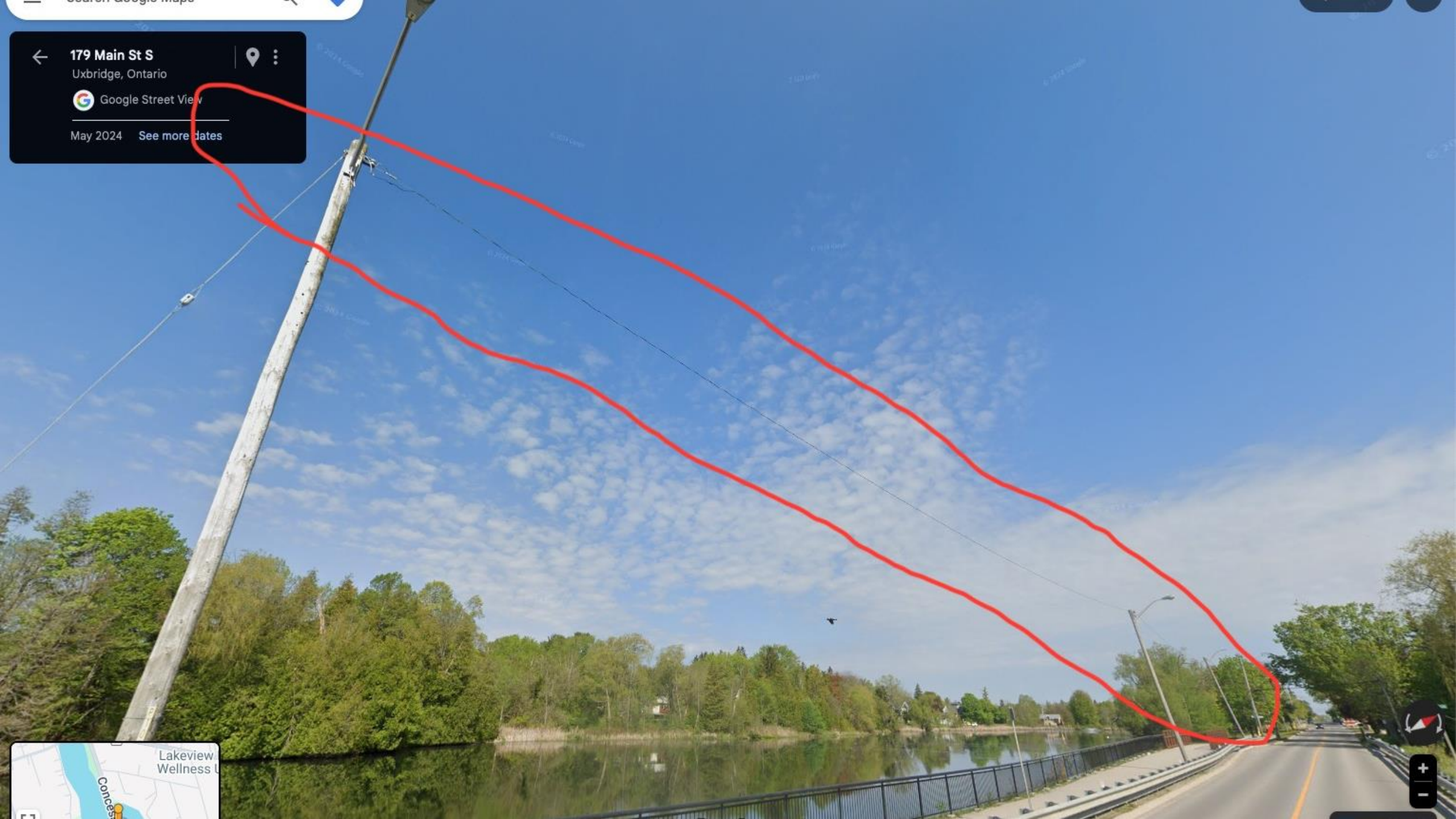
1. Approach the owner of this wire and request installation of diverters

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2. Follow-up on File T-00 T

The file was created October 21, 2024 when my letter was received for information.

- To whom was this file assigned?
- What has happened in the four months since it was opened?
- Why have I not received any updates?



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SENT VIA E-MAIL

November 1, 2024

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**RE: REQUEST TO INSTALL BIRD DIVERTERS ON HYDRO LINES ALONG MAIN STREET ADJACENT TO ELGIN POND
TOWNSHIP FILE: T-00 T**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of the General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of October 21, 2024, the following motion was carried:

THAT correspondence from Nancy Melcher regarding a request to install bird diverters on hydro lines along Main Street adjacent to Elgin Pond be received for information;
AND THAT the matter be referred to Hydro One for consideration;
AND THAT a copy be referred to Environment and Sustainability Committee for information.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Leroux".

Debbie Leroux
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

/ljr

Thank you

