

Frustrated

Dear Editor

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As many Orléans-Cumberland residents are aware, Hydro One has been a disgrace to what we call service in our community.

There have been several power outages of up to 12 hours long in recent months and action needs to be taken. Ottawa-Orléans MPP Phil McNeely has yet to do anything on this topic. Taking matters into my own hands, on January 21st, 2008 I had a discussion with a senior advisor, explaining the frustrations that our residents are facing.

I offered to hold a meeting where Hydro One could explain to residents what the problems actually are, why there are continued black-outs and how they plan to resolve these issues.

You can be sure that the answer I received was unexpected; I was told no they wouldn't hold a public meet-

ing because it would only be a complaining session.

They clarified that they would come down when the weather is nicer, after the bus strike but only to talk to the east end councillors.

Even though this is a provincial issue, I felt that someone should take a leadership role and address this serious problem. These power outages are not acceptable and I will no longer sit idly by and allow my community to be faced with these dangerous disruptions.

The lack of initiative from our local MPP and Hydro One is unacceptable. They need to explain why the residents of Orléans are faced with a sub par service.

Action is needed, Hydro One hold a public meeting NOW!!

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