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Proposed ethanol plant too close to new schools

Sir: I am concerned about the ethanol plant that Sunoco and our government is planning to build at the southwest corner of Rokeby Line and Hwy. 40.

Our government is always talking about our health and the increase of health care due to respiratory problems,

cancer, etc. Sunoco is always talking about health and safety and always wanting to do what is best for the community.

Well, the location where they want to build this ethanol plant is totally wrong. It is within two kilometres of Corunna's two new schools. This must be in the best interests of our children so they can get all the pollution in their lungs, even before they grow up and know better. These children are our future. Does Sunoco really care about our future? Not by the sounds of it. I cannot understand the

reason why Sunoco wants to build this plant in a community. First, it was the Chipewagan First Nation, now it is Corunna. Do they really care about life in general? I guess not. All they are looking at is profits and not what happens to the people in the community.

Did our government even do any health studies on the effects from the ethanol plants? Or is it all about money? I would like some answers.

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LOWERING THE BOOM



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A Tricar Group worker walks out to the tip of the 168-foot-long boom at the site of the new Harbour Front condominium project at the intersection of Front Street and London Road. The boom and 170-foot crane tower was disassembled and transported to London for another site project. The boom can lift 6,000 to 22,000 pounds.

Suncor firefighters douses flange fire

Sarnia firefighters were called to Suncor Thursday at about noon after a small flange fire broke in a reformer unit. No one was injured and the fire was contained within minutes by Suncor personnel, said company spokesman Jason Vaillant.

Sarnia Fire and Rescue services remained on standby while the flange was cooled and some of the pressure released.

"We sounded the alarm (for assistance) because the initial steam didn't put out the fire," Vaillant said.

No cause has yet been determined and an investigation is ongoing.

Protesters block Vidal Street

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Bailey, who met with demonstrators, said "everyone has the right to express their opinions and we respect this right."

Refinery operations were not affected by the demonstration.

Bailey said the company has met regularly with the chief and Aamijwnaang band council and representatives of the community, and is committed to continuing that dialogue.

Suncor plans to build the nation's largest ethanol plant in Sarnia. In February, those plans got a major boost when the federal government chipped in with \$22 million for the project.

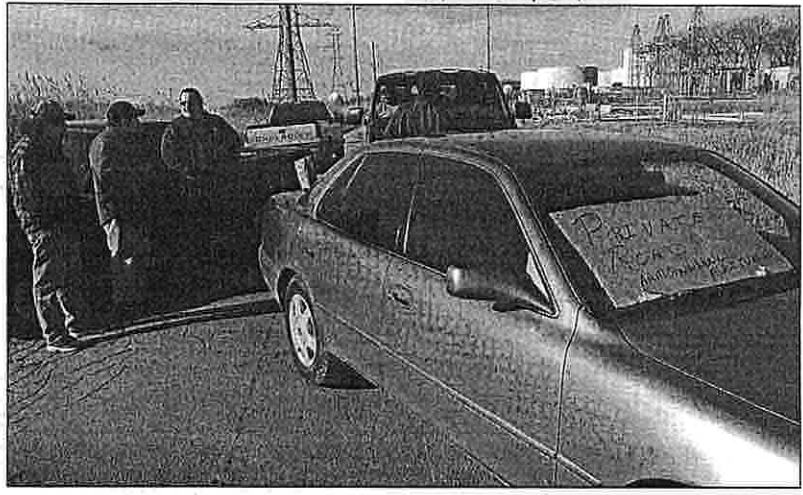
The infusion of federal cash means Suncor Energy could break ground as early as the

summer on the \$120-million facility able to produce fuel-grade ethanol from corn or other grains.

The proposed ethanol plant is expected to help Canada meet its Kyoto commitment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Construction of the facility will also create 35 to 40 permanent positions, 250 construction jobs and have a positive impact on the farming community.

Suncor has purchased 164 acres north of Churchill Road between Vidal Street and Tashmoo Avenue, and is one of three locations currently under consideration in the Sarnia area for the location for the ethanol plant.



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But the Aamijwnaang First Nation is opposed to a plant on its doorstep because of concern about odours and emissions.

The plant proposed is a world-scale facility that would produce up to 208 million litres of ethanol fuel annually, making it by far the largest in Canada.

Grass roots Aamijwnaang residents blocked Vidal Street from just north of the reserve cemetery to LaSalle Road to make people aware of their environmental concerns of the proposed ethanol plant. The road behind Suncor Refinery was blocked to through traffic for several hours, Saturday.

To supply it with enough corn, Ontario producers would need to boost production to 118 million bushels from 98 million bushels annually.