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Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT — From the smallest to the largest donation, the local Support The Fort fundraising initiative is ramping up, but donors have only one week in which to get their pledges in.

A local group created the Support The Fort fundraiser as a way for south Temiskaming residents to help the approximate 90,000 people affected by the Fort McMurray wildfire -- a wildfire that saw 1,600 homes and

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Apparent colour

Josée Evans was very focused as she painted her mother's (Nadine Evans) face during the Mandarin MS Walk event Sunday, May 15. The mother and daughter were part of a gathering of about 70 people who walked to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis and help those who are experiencing it. See inside sports for more coverage. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Pole made more visible for air ambulance crews

Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

SOUTH TEMISKAMING -- Air ambulance helicopter crews landing at the Temiskaming Hospital will now be able to better see a tall Hydro One distribution pole located near the hospital.

On Sunday, May 15, while Hydro One crews were working on circuit lines in the area, they also wrapped the pole in orange and white material so that Ornge crews can more safely navigate the area.

Hydro One crews also carried out maintenance work on two circuit lines running from the Dymond transmission system, said Hydro One Networks Inc. communications officer Alicia Sayers.

From the corner by the Temiskaming Hospital southward to North Cobalt, and in other off-road areas, Hydro One crews could be seen working in force on lines and poles.

The planned power outage affected 3,152 customers, according to Ms. Sayers. The power outage was felt from points in New Liskeard, southward into Haileybury, Firstbrook Township, Bucke Township, Lorrain Township, Coleman Township, Cobalt, Gillies Limit and Latchford.

The work on the two distribution lines from Hydro One's Dymond transmission system included improvements on air breaks, switches and a distribution pole, and the replacement of equipment, including a switch and crossarms to ensure a safe and reliable supply of electricity to customers in the area, Ms. Sayers reported.

The work took place between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Hydro One crews were working across from the Temiskaming Hospital on Shepherdson Road southward to North Cobalt and outside of Cobalt and in other off-road areas making improvements to two circuit lines Sunday afternoon, May 15. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



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