

# Council surprised Tizzards unravel Hydro route

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tizzard, R.R. 2, Acton, appeared before Erin township council, on behalf of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens on Tuesday last asking council's support to control Hydro lines through the township. The Tizzards live on the Fourth Line, Erin.

Mr. Tizzard said, "We don't feel the lines belong in this township at all. Hydro could use a more southerly route. This northern route means not only more money, but also more lost countryside."

When Reeve Lloyd Lang stated he didn't want to get into a neighbor versus neighbor controversy by supporting shifting the line to the south, Mrs. Tizzard answered that that wasn't what they had in mind at all.

"All we want", she said, "is that you send a letter to the Solandt Commission saying, first, that this council was not consulted and did not give permission for these lines; second, that unless the line must go through the township, you oppose the carving up of this land; thirdly, that you would like further study with consideration given to an alternative and more acceptable type of pole."

### Surprise unfolds

Councillor Harold Griffin commented that it didn't look like an economical route to him, and as the Tizzards unfolded a map of proposed Hydro routes, other councillors expressed surprise at routes marked which they hadn't heard about.

Mr. Tizzard told council that Hydro officials had invited him and his wife to a private meeting to discuss an alternate route, but the couple had declined, feeling that such closed-door meetings were undemocratic. Mr. Tizzard went on to say he feels Hydro has an ulterior motive for going through Erin township, but won't disclose it.

"People just aren't being told the truth, or else they're not being told anything at all! The Saunders over on the Fifth Line don't even know a switching station is going to be on their farm. After the map came out, we tried to tell them, but I don't think they believe us!" he said.

### Won't commit selves

Although Council agreed with the three points, they were unwilling to commit themselves with a submission to the Solandt Commission.

After much discussion, a motion was drafted and passed, to send a brief stating that council did not give approval to Hydro to go through the township, and that Council would prefer further discussion of different ways and means.

Contacted Friday by the Free Press, Mrs. Lorne Saunders stated that they have heard nothing from Hydro, but had heard elsewhere that because both the north-south line and the east-west line went through their farm, as well as the switching station, Hydro might take 100 acres of their 200 acre farm.

"I don't know what we'll do," Mrs. Saunders said. "We need all the workable land we have. I don't know what they'd need that much land for. Maybe they're going to add on."

She added, "It's terrible not really knowing one way or the other, because so much depends on it."

Following Erin's brief, the Solandt Commission has called a meeting of representatives of Erin, Esquesing, and Chinguacousy townships, and Ontario Hydro, at Peel Secondary School, Kennedy Road, Brampton, on September 13 at 8 p.m.



THE LORNE SAUNDERS farm is the land as well as being the intersection of east-west and north-south grid lines with a 610 foot right-of-way.

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MR. AND MRS. JACK TIZZARD, R.R. 2, will go within 20 feet of their house above, or Acton, have been told by Ontario Hydro perhaps closer.

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# To present district briefs at Solandt hearing

Briefs from Esquesing, Erin and Chinguacousy townships will be presented at a public hearing of the Solandt Commission at Central Peel Secondary school in Brampton, Wednesday night, September 13.

The hearings are being held as a result of a 5,000 name petition which was presented to Premier William Davis opposing the 142-mile long 500 KV hydro line from Nanticoke to Pickering, proposed by Ontario Hydro.

The commission was informed Thursday that the power grid to be built in 1977 will require 44,000

acres to secure rights-of-way and cost \$459 million.

### Second line

Hydro's original submission to the Solandt enquiry referred to the second 425 foot wide north-south right-of-way through Halton, originating at a transmission station north of Acton to another station near Drumquin, in the southern part of the county. The station, near Acton, has been proposed for the farm of Lorne Saunders, between the Fourth and Fifth Lines of Erin township. It will hook into another grid which originates at

the Bruce nuclear power station and likely require about 125 acres at that point.

The north-south corridor will likely be two towers wide and require from 400 to 500 feet right-of-way. Towers will be approximately 100 feet high.

Total length of the grid will be 650 miles and land acquisition by Hydro of 44,000 acres will boost total holdings by nearly 22 per cent. Hydro owns 200,000 acres of land in the province now.

The new disclosures at last week's meeting were roundly criticized by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens' spokesman Lee Symmes of Terra Cotta. He said that if Hydro gets started on the first line they certainly would not likely be changing any plans for the rest of the grid, which will affect this area.

### Affect many

The main Nanticoke to Pickering grid passes through Erin, Eramosa and Nassagaweya townships in this area. The north-south corridor will also affect many properties in Esquesing and Erin.

Residents of the area have become increasingly concerned over the disclosures as they have

been released by Hydro and some petitions are being circulated as well as briefs and letters for the Solandt Commission.

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens has urged Hydro to make more economic use of the land, use less of it and reduce the height and number of towers planned.

Mrs. Audrey Symmes suggested that if residents of this area did not look after their own interests the entire grid would go through as Hydro officials planned. She pointed out the CCC hoped to make Hydro fully aware of all the poor visual influence the proposed line could cause as well as the loss of the land.

# EMO asks Erin twp. co-operation

Roy Margetts, County coordinator for Wellington Emergency Measures Organization appeared before Erin township council, Sept. 5, to explain municipalities' part in the E.M.O.

He told council the organization is concerned about three things—the welfare of the people, continuation of government, and the care of resources, in case of emergencies.

Mr. Margetts said that buildings in each municipality have been tested for protection for people for an indefinite length of time, in case of radiation. Approximately 146,000 people can

be housed safely in Wellington, 30,000 at the University of Guelph.

For the continuation of government, 48 officials of Wellington County would be housed in the E.M.O. building as an emergency government.

Mr. Margetts suggested the setting up of an Emergency Control Group, headed by the Reeve. Council would decide who else would be in the group.

He also asked permission to draw up a plan for Erin for their perusal and acceptance, at no cost, which would be filed at a higher level. A motion was passed giving permission.

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