

# 500 applaud Hydro route proposed by Schneider

To an overflow audience of concerned Wellington and North Halton Counties and surrounding area residents Tuesday night, Ontario Hydro proved their ability to parry questions at a public meeting held at the East Garafraxa public school.

More than 500 people were on hand to hear Ontario Hydro spokesmen explain why they were leaning towards the Erin-Eramosa-Esquesing township

route as a possible corridor for the 600 ft. swath, three parallel power lines which will tower 162 ft. in the air.

In an area study, agriculture had been placed low on the scale of priorities and, as both Erin and Eramosa Townships are mainly agricultural, it gave Hydro valid reason for running the corridor through this region.

Chairing the meeting, Art Mosher, project engineer, claimed

priority ratings had been based mainly on returns from questionnaires sent out to residents, individual reports from concerned citizen and environmental groups and township planning boards. He explained that although Hydro could not rule out all areas where such groups had relayed concern they would, however, give strong consideration to preservation where residents had indicated interest.

On questions from the floor it was admitted Eramosa and Erin Townships had not been contacted for their views nor had the Guelph Planning group.

Schneider alternative Present at the meeting, John Schneider of Erin Township presented his proposed "R" system which, if accepted, could alleviate the Wellington-Halton farmer and residents' concerns by utilizing lesser productive lands

where the soil is graded five and six as opposed to the number one and two soil of the Wellington-Halton productive farmlands.

Mr. Schneider's proposals were enthusiastically proclaimed by those attending and chairman Mosher said that Hydro would be considering further discussions regarding the alternative route and that it was going to be presented as an alternative at all future meetings.

Mr. Mosher reversed himself after the meeting. He said later the Hydro team's position was to follow through with present plans and that that Mr. Schneider himself would have to make a special presentation to the Solandt Commission.

Emphasis was placed constantly on the fact that the exact corridor has not been definitely chosen and that hydro needs further information from the public before final decisions.

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### Tom Hill happy with new council



HILL HAPPY!

The mayor-elect of Halton Hills, Tom Hill, is pleased with the harmony and unity displayed by the councillors-elect at the first meeting of the steering committee last week.

He said there was no sign of parochialism. "Everyone is working for the unity of Halton Hills," said the mayor-elect.

He said three committees, administration, finance and public works, had been established, with one representative from each

ward on each committee. "The members are going to thrash it out among themselves which committee they will be on, nobody is telling them," Hill said.

He said they would hold council meetings the first and third Monday in the month, and committee meetings, the second and fourth Mondays. Mayor-elect Hill emphasized all meetings will be open.

Until a decision is made on a permanent location meetings will be held at Esquesing municipal offices.



A FRAMED COPY of Bill 151, establishing the Regional Municipality of Halton, was presented to region chairman Allan Masson Thursday at the council inaugural session. Arthur Meen, assistant to Ontario treasurer John White, made the presentation to Masson, right.

### Music booth arena plan

A small music booth will be built in the community centre, at the south east corner overlooking the ice surface.

Parks and recreation committee members Monday listened with favor to Garrett de Bruyn's proposal which includes a \$250 donation from the Figure Skating Club. With volunteer labor he estimated total cost for the booth would be about \$400. A motion passed unanimously to accept the project and Mr. De Bruyn will proceed to get more accurate costs.

Mr. De Bruyn explained that presently people holler up the steps to the person playing records in the office. Chairman Diane Spielvogel

agreed "It's totally inconvenient."

When member Ed Wood asked if the penalty box could be used Mr. De Bruyn explained it's too cold for the records. A heater will be used in the special booth.

He reported Jim Gibson had volunteered to help build the room and Harold Townsley has also promised to assist.

Pleniglass would be used. Mr. Townsley said the new music booth would also be perfect for public skating and the playing of O Canada before games.

Member Lou Bonnette agreed it would be a big improvement and with the free labor added up to a "good deal".

### Who gets \$10,000?

Ceremonial handing over of a \$10,000 grant for arena renovations was questioned at council Tuesday by councillor Barry Insoce.

Council had received a letter from Gordon Hampson, executive assistant to the Hon. George Kerr, suggesting Mr. Kerr might present the cheque to Mayor Les Dudy and the new mayor of Halton Hills, Tom Hill. Clerk Grant Usher said he expected the formalities to take place at the first council meeting in November.

To committee Councillor Insoce, who also sits on parks and recreation committee, said he felt the cheque should be passed from the hands of the mayor on to the hands of his committee chairman, Mrs. Diane Spielvogel, rather than to Mr. Hill.

The money will go into the parks board account in any case. Deputy-reeve Marks reminded council if the parks and recreation has a surplus at the end of the year it will have to be especially designated for arena renovations.

Councillor Norm Elliott was won over by Mr. Insoce's plea.

The formalities go back to committee for discussion before the presentation is made.

### Hallowe'en bikathon

Once again the boys and girls of Acton will be assisting in the raising of funds for UNICEF.

Kindergarten to grade four pupils will be carrying UNICEF boxes with them as they make their calls on Hallowe'en night.

Grade five to eight students will be participating in a "bikathon" at the park on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. It will last two hours with riders trying to complete 50 laps in the two hours.

Organization of these events is in the hands of the World Outlook committee of

the Y's Men's Club. While the programs are for school children, the club members plan no interference with school work.

### Chief not named yet

Regional Chairman Allan Masson denied a story in an Oakville publication suggesting Burlington Police Chief Kenneth Skerrett had been chosen by the province to be the first Halton Regional Police chief.

Masson termed the story as

silly. "No decision has been made. The province will not choose the chief. The police commission will."

The story suggested Mr. Skerrett was the choice of Queen's Park officials and quoted an unnamed provincial official.

### \$25,000 land sale profits for pool

The Lions' swimming pool project got a boost Tuesday when council authorized \$25,000 from the subdivision capital account and at least 50 per cent of the funds from the sale of land on Ransom St. be donated.

Land to be sold, about two acres, is the piece of property in front of Fairview cemetery, siding on Ransom and Main Sts. Council has had an offer for the land, which is now cut off from the cemetery by the new fencing.

The subdivision capital account contains funds required of developers for future use.

The clerk was authorized to issue a cheque for the \$25,000.

Trust fund The money will go into a trust fund with the town and Lions having signing authority.

"This will ensure that the town gives the project a boost," commented deputy-reeve Marks. He pointed out that \$25,000 is approximately five per cent of capital levies.

Clerk Grant Usher told council that the matter had been explained Wednesday of last week at the first meeting of the new Halton Hills council. They, by verbal motion, endorsed that the

town be allowed to sell the land — and give 100 per cent to the project if they wished, he reported.

Councillor Norm Elliott resented the fact the Halton Hills council had referred to 100 per cent. It was 50 per cent that was recommended by our committee, he said. There are other needy areas. Reeve McKenzie commented he felt the new council-elect was merely conveying they wouldn't be upset by a donation of 100 per cent.

Not a town Councillor Coats questioned how the town could be a signing partner when the town will no longer exist.

Mr. Marks said the clerk would have the signing authority.

Where will he receive his instructions? persisted Mr. Coats.

Mr. McKenzie said the new council of Halton Hills will make the decision, and Mr. Usher pointed out they will honor all previous commitments.

Grants Ray Evelan, Art Gordon, Don Gordon, Heinz Krzyk and Don Murdy had attended an administration committee meeting to discuss their swimming pool project. The

clerk had explained different grants available and will check further into grants under the Community Centre Act. The LIP program grant and possibility of changing the Winter Capital Project fund grant from the community centre to the pool were also discussed.

Mr. Usher was asked to send letters to Ted Tyler Jr. and Jack Carpenter requesting that they bring the administration committee of council up-to-date on the present status of original donations such as the Buy a Brick fund.

### OK Legion subdivision

A future plan of subdivision for Acton Legion property was agreed to in principle by Acton council Tuesday evening. The plan of subdivision would create 27 building lots in the town of Acton and 14 lots in Esquesing township.

### \$1800 for M.D.

Firefighters are very pleased with the sum of over \$1800 collected this year during the annual appeal for Muscular Dystrophy. It's up \$300 over last year's figure.

There was a door-to-door canvass as well as some money raised by the firefighters at the fair and from collection boxes in stores.

Herb Dodds is chairman of the campaign assisted by Bern Van Fleet and Lloyd McIntyre.

Excavation is underway for the new Legion hall on the property adjoining Fairy Lake.

Gordon McCutcheon, representing the Legion, had explained to council's administration committee it wasn't the Legion's intention to file the plan of subdivision now, but they would like council's approval in principle if it became necessary later to make building lots available.

"They want a general idea the town is receptive," commented deputy-reeve Peter Marks.

The subdivision would be contingent on planning board, Halton Hills regional council, and Ontario government approvals.

There will be public skating Saturdays and Sundays except for November 4, when the first Sabres hockey game is scheduled here.

The Figure Skating Club had very successful registrations on two Saturdays. Pre-school and junior groups are particularly well filled. Instructors Sally Leatherland, Sharon Dwyer and Karen Holstede are very pleased with the response this fall.

Tuesday the Waterloo-Wellington minor hockey teams began practices.

### Committee to try rinks again

Outdoor skating rinks, planned for last winter but scuttled by the mild winter, are again being considered by the parks and recreation committee.

Members Gil Malcolm and Ed Wood will look after plans for the outdoor rink or rinks, it was agreed at the meeting Monday night.

Last year the board had

intended to have rinks at the park, high school and Glenlea park. One was started at the park but not well used due to the weather. There was only good ice for one week.

Schools are in favor of having rinks there. Orval Chapman felt one successful rink might be better than three, as a pilot project.

### Rev. Ewing new rector

The Rev. Len Ewing, who went to school in Acton as a boy, returns November 1 as rector of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr. Mr. Ewing, who is 59 years of age, was ordained an Anglican priest in 1970 and has completed three years at Caguya and York churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing will be moving into the rectory. Their family is grown up and gone from home.

Reception This Sunday is the last service here for the Rev.

Harry Dawson, who is moving to Guelph where he will be rector of St. James the Apostle church. The letter from Bishop Bothwell announcing the new appointment will be read this Sunday, and a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Dawson will follow the service.

The new rector worked as a sales manager in Kitchener for many years and was concurrently a very active layman in the Anglican church. He retired early, with the position of vice-president,

to study for the ministry. He was ordained a deacon in 1969 and priest in 1970.

Also leaving Honorary assistant the Rev. Ball will be taking the services at St. Alban's during the month of November.

### Canvass

Wednesday and Thursday are the days for the Rotary canvass for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

### Sponsor lighting contest

Acton Hydro Commission decided Thursday they would again sponsor a home lighting contest during the Christmas holiday season.

Commissioner Bob MacArthur was authorized to go ahead with arrangements for suitable advertising for the contest which has been a feature of the holiday season in Acton for the past few years.



SELECTED QUEEN of the Furrow, Acton's Carol Armstrong, Carol, past Halton Queen Heather Somerville stands among other queens and Hyatt from Norval and contestant Janet Marshall of Omagh, Ontario Furrow Queen Sheila