## 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

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 though with present plans and that that Mr. Schneider himself would have to make a special pre-sentation 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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### Hydro line

## Tom Hill happy with new council



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

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 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 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.

Who gets

Ccremonial handing over of

a \$10,000 grant for arena

renovations was questioned

at council Tuesday by coun-

Council had received a let-ter from Gordon Hampson,

executive assistant to the

formalities to take place at

the first council meeting in

\$10,000?

cillor Barry Inscoe.



A FRAMED COPY of Bill 151, establishing the Regional Municipality of Halton, was presented to region chairman Alian Masson Thursday at the

John White, made the presentation to Masson, right.

council inaugural session. Arthur Meen, assistant to Ontario treasurer

\$25,000 land sale

### 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

convenient. 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

agreed "It's totally in-

Pleniglass would be used. Mr. Townsley said the new music booth would also be perfect for public skating and 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

# Hallowe'en

UNICEF.

Kindergarten to grade four pupils, will be carrying Hallowe'en night.

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

Outdoor skating rinks,

planned for last winter but

scuttled by the mild winter,

are again being considered by

the parks and recreation

committee.

the Y's Men's Club. While the programs are for school school work.

Regional Chairman Allan

to assist.

Councillor Inscoe, 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. Inscoe's

The formalities go back to committee for discussion be-

fore the presentation is made.

### Chief not named yet

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

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.

Hon. George Kerr, suggesting Mr. Kerr might present the cheque to Mayor Les Duby and the new mayor of Halton Hills, Tom Hill. Clerk Grant Usher said he expected the 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

To committee per cent of the funds from the sale of land on Hansom St. be Land to be sold, about two acres, is the piece of property 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

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 having signing

authority. "This will ensure that the town gives the project a boost," commented deputyreeve 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 recommendedby 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.

Notown 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.

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

Don Gordon, Heinz Krzyzik and Don Murdy had attended an administration committee meeting to discuss their swimming pool project. The

### north-south direction, as proposed in the original hydro recommendation.

county brief to be presented to the Solandt Commission. Currently the commission's accepting briefs on the eventual location of the 500 KV hydro line across Southern Ont-Rick Gregotski, deputy

It didn't take much more

than an hour for members of

Halton County Council to rea-

lize they could not reach a

consensus of opinion on a

planning officer for Burlingion and Ed Cummings, planning director for Oakville attended the meeting to add planning expertise to the Members reviewed briefs

from the various municipal-Ities and from Halton Federation of Agriculture and Halton Region Conservation Auth-

Differing ideas The Federation brief favored a Highway 401 route. Burlington spoke in favor of a double line along Highway 401 through Halton and against any line or part of a line that

Point area.

Milton's brief supports a route that would touch the northwest corner of Nassagaweys and pass through farming areas of Esquesing in a

County council will

let province decide

Some fiction Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Jim Watson said it wasn't up to council to make the decision or attempt to say where the route should go. He suggested some of the points in some of the briefs were based on fiction rather than

fact. He pointed out reference in the Federation of Agriculture brief where It was suggested no productive farms existed along Highway 401. Gregotski noted Highway 401 was already a corridor of sorts and because of this, that

route should be used to accommodate the hydro corridor as well. Watson rejected this think-

would go through Rattlesnake kick's guy when he is down and it doesn't make sense to say you'll ruin the scenic beauty of the area because a highway runs through there

> Different idens Each brief opts for a different route or series of routes in some shape or form. After the discussions had gone on for an hour members agreed the

> dialogue could not help but be carried on in a parochial All briefs available to the county will be sent to the Solandt Commission and it is hoped that by doing this, those in power to make the final decision will be equipped with information and objections from Halton

> municipalities. The Solandt Commission is now holding special hearings and will make their recommendation to the Ontario Cabinet. The cabinet, in consultation with Hydro officials, will make the final

### OK Legion subdivision

ing and noted, "You don't

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

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 com-

munity centre to the pool

administration committee of stores.

COURTY

were also discussed.

for M.D.

Firefighters are very

pleased with the sum of over

\$1800 collected this year

during the annual appeal for

\$300 over last year's figure.

Mr. Usher was asked to canvass as well as some

council up-to-date on the Herb Dodds is chairman of

present status of original the campaign assisted by

donations such as the Buy a Bern Van Fleet and Lloyd

Jack Carpenter firefighters at the fair and

send letters to Ted Tyler Jr. money raised by

There was a door-to-door

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

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

ciple if it became necessary later to make building lots "They want a general idea the town is receptive," com-

The subdivision would be contingent on planning board, Halton Hills regional council, and Ontarlo government

mented deputy-reeve Peter

council's approval in prin-

### First ice Monday

First skating for the season began Monday-five days earlier than last year. With the warm weather, arena manager Harold Townsley Muscular Dystrophy. It's up admits the ice is "wet." However it didn't deter the Figure Skating Club members who donned their skates Monday afternoon or the Junior Sabres who practiced requesting that they bring the from collection boxes in Monday night.

> Tuesday the Waterloo-Wellington minor hockey teams began practices.

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

# bikathon

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

UNICEF boxes with them as they make their calls on Grade five to eight students will be participating in a "bikathon" at the park on

children, the club members plan no interference with

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 Pol-

Masson termed the story as

Members Gil Malcolm and

Ed Wood will look after plans

for the outdoor rink or rinks,

it was agreed at the meeting

Last year the board had

pointment will be read this

Sunday, and a reception for

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson will

follow the service.

choose the chief. The police

silly. "No decision has been made. The province will not

Coats. Grants

Ray Evelan, Art Gordon,

# ESQUESING NASSAGAWEYA GEORGETOWN Committee to try rinks again Chairman Diane Spielvogel Mr. Malcolm pointed out the firefighters had agreed last year to assist in flooding.

SELECTED QUEEN of the Furrow, Acton's Carol Armstrong, Carol, past Halton Queen Heather runners up, (from left to right) contestant Eileen Henderson from Silvercreek. Marshall of Omagh, Ontario Furrow Queen Sheila

Somerville stands among other queens and Hyatt from Norval and contestant Janet

# Rev. Ewing new rector

Monday night.

rector of the Church of St. Apostle church. The letter Alban the Martyr. Mr. from Bishop Bothwell anwas ordained an Anglican priest in 1970 and has completed three years at Caguya and York churches.

moving into the rectory. Their family is grown up and gone from home. Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing will be

This Sunday is the last service here for the Rev. the position of vice-president,

The Rev. Len Ewing, who Harry Dawson, who is to study for the ministry. He went to school in Acton as a moving to Guelph where he was ordained a deacon in 1969 boy, returns November 1 as will be rector of St. James the and priest in 1970. Also leaving

Honorary assistant the Ewing, who is 59 years of age, nouncing the new ap- 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

Schools are in favor of having rinks there. Orval Chapman felt one

successful rink might be better than three, as a pilot project.

### 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.

said work would have to begin soon if underground hydrants are to be installed before frost. Mr. Wood observed water and electricity would be available at school if rinks

are located there.

Lou Bonnette suggested the M.Z. Bennett school would be a good location where skaters could also go indoors to warm up. Young people at the west end of town are closer to the park, he said.

Pay flooders

Mr. Wood said arrangement must be made to pay flooders as well. "We can't count on volunteers" he felt. Responsibility for flooding. cleaning, construction and maintenance was discussed. The outdoor rinks couldn't be used before January likely, Mr. Bonnette added.