

Some Esquesing residents want chance to oppose corridor changes

Forty residents of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Lines of the former township of Esquesing drew no conclusions about the proposed power corridor through Halton Hills aside from the fact they would rather see it go somewhere else.

Residents at the meeting Wednesday would prefer to see the five tower-wide 720-foot corridor eliminated in favor of the Bruce to Essa alternate proposed by the

Concerned Citizens of North Halton and Wellington but they also opposed a Halton Federation of Agriculture brief to the Government about the location of a Bruce to Georgetown corridor. Most said they preferred the original route on Hydro maps as opposed to the Federation's proposed route which would sever seven or eight farms as opposed to one.

Two representatives of Ontario Hydro who attended

the meeting organized by Doug Farrugan at Stewart-town hall, Wednesday evening, admitted Ontario Hydro was waiting for the Government to make up its mind about whether it would accept the recommendations of the Solandt Commission, in part or whole, before they could move.

Bob Murray of Hydro told the meeting the Government was considering the Bruce to Essa route, which could possibly eliminate any towers

through Halton Hills. However, it would be a major break from the Solandt Commission report which decided the Bruce to Essa route would go through some of the finest recreational land in the province.

Murray reviewed the past history of the corporation's corridor plans noting Hydro would not consult with people who lived within sight of the towers over the route but only with those who own the property. He said the corridor

through Halton Hills would be 720 feet wide and have five lines of towers marching through the corridor. Towers would be spaced 800 feet apart. The three middle lines would convey 500 kv from the Bruce generating station while the two outside lines would be 230 kv for local domestic use.

Hydro representatives said the high cost of underground installations - 23 to 40 times more - made that method of carrying high voltage power

unacceptable as well as a security problem.

Residents spearheaded by Mr. Farrugan said they were concerned with representations to Queen's Park about alternate routes through Halton Hills such as that of the Federation of Agriculture which they felt were made without any consultation with residents of the area. They were particularly upset about allegations of the quality of agricultural land in the Federation brief.

Mr. Farrugan said the brief classed as "good" the land in the southern half of the former township of Esquesing but they would have arguments with farmers in the northern half of Esquesing who were not notified a soil report was going in to the Government. The Federation's premises were based on the Halton County soil report.

"Powerful negatives are going to have a voice," said

Farrugan. The Solandt route between the Fourth and Fifth Lines severs only one farm, he said, while the Federation's alternate route severed eight farms.

Residents agreed with Mr. Farrugan that they felt any further changes in the route of the hydro lines should be made public before the Government makes any decision and suggested they should be given the opportunity to oppose new

routes just as the first proposed routes.

One resident at the meeting cautioned against forming opinions too hastily. He said Esquesing residents should not be fighting over the choice of routes through Halton Hills, but rather asking for the opportunity to oppose new routes should they be proposed.

Most residents agreed the Bruce to Essa route would be preferable to one through Halton Hills.

Council torpedos Fairy Lake boat

"No way," was the reaction of councillor Mike Armstrong to the proposal to buy a boat, motor and trailer for Fairy Lake swim program in Acton, at the price of \$2,286.

The rest of Halton Hills council agreed it seemed a bit high.

Councillor Les Duby said boats with over ten horse power motors were banned on Fairy Lake, and stated the price for a small boat like this was "away out of line."

"There's no truth to the rumor it was to be used by councillors who like to fish," joked Councillor Dick Howitt.

The boat was planned to be used to teach safe boat handling, and to supervise swimmers. The recreation

director said it would be trailed to Acton arena at night.

The expanded swim program was suggested by the recreation director when a \$4600 grant was given the department under the Youth In Action government program. This grant would cover the salaries of the staff.

The original proposed budget for Acton swim program at Fairy Lake, \$2,498 was to be spent on supplies and equipment, since the grant would cover the salaries.

Council, in committee of the whole Monday night decided the boat needed more consideration and referred the matter back to committee.

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Merchants planning Centennial Days

Acton's July 1 Centennial Days celebrations are moulding into shape. A Tuesday night meeting with members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce verified arrangements proposed by town retailers.

Under the chairmanship of Paul Nielsen, the Chamber will sponsor a ten-day celebration which will take in two weekends, running from Thurs., June 20, to Sat., June 29. "Build your sidewalk sale or other promotion around this event," is the word of the C. of C. who hope to see sales, costumes, and numerous events conducted throughout the district which will correlate with plans of other town organizations to make Acton's birthday celebrations a panorama of excitement and activity.

Costumes "We will make Gay Ninety vests available to merchants and staff," say organizers of the event. They add that, if sufficient people join the plan, the materials will be distributed free of charge. "We hope the ladies will enter into the scheme of things and wear period costumes," Chamber members point out that, in any event, bonnets for the ladies will be available. According to spokesman Dave Manes, it should be a colorful demonstration of town spirit and good will. Each merchant participating

will pay \$25 to cover costs of advertising, promotion, and draw prizes. "Tickets will be given to customers whether they make purchases or not," says the enthusiastic committee member. Dave points out that tickets will be in stores of all participating merchants. "The final draw for the first, second, and third

prize will be held on the holiday evening of Mon. July 1, at the Rotary Club's barbecue," said Dave.

Prizes for the draw will be 200 centennial dollars for first, 100 centennial dollars for second and, for third, 50 of the valuable coins.

For everyone "Everything should be

terrific if everyone gets behind the whole affair," says Chamber president, Betty Eastwood.

She reports that, at Tuesday's meeting, it was decided a gala Centennial Dance will be held under the auspices of the Acton Chamber of Commerce on the Saturday night, June 29. "We're hoping to have everyone come in 'days of yore' costumes to add to the fun of it all," and the ambitious president talks about prizes for costumes to add to the interest.

Letters are being circulated to all Acton businessmen this week. "If you want to participate, please contact your committee" are the written words, with the names Bill Yundt, 853-1620; Dave Manes, 853-1960; and Paul Nielsen, 853-2280, supplied as contacts for merchants wanting to get in on the game.

Chamber of Commerce members say an ad in next week's Free Press will give more complete information on the final round-up of the July 1 extravaganza. Meantime, it's the hope of those involved that everything that can be dreamed up, will be. Slogan for the local organizers is "the more the merrier and let's everyone get involved!"

Management union agree

Acting on the suggestion of William Spielvogel Union president, Beardmore and their plant union are entering into a "joint venture" to distribute an Acton Centennial "Silver Dollar" made of pure nickel to each employee, with a message pointing out the significance of accidents in terms of lost man hours and wages.

The souvenir Centennial token is emblematic of Acton, 1874, to Halton Hills in 1974 on the eve of Acton's 100th birthday.

The Sherritt Gordon Mine, who are minting "Silver Dollar", expressed that these dramatic events added value to the souvenir and would create a higher demand of the coin from collectors. The company and the Union are hopeful that the employees will relate in the same way to the coin and recognize the increasing value of a long term successful safety record.



DECORATING ONE of the graves at the service on Sunday is Floyd Schmidt, member of the Acton Legion. Acton Citizens' Band played a number of selections while the graves were being decorated. Geraniums were placed on graves of former servicemen.

Tues. decision averts strike

A strike of outside workers in Halton Hills has been averted.

Local 73, of Canadian Union of Public Service Employees, last Thursday voted 85 per cent to accept the latest town offer of a 40 cent an hour pay hike from April until October of this year and a 45 cent an hour boost from October on. This brings the basic laborer's rate in October to \$4.06, the amount the union originally demanded.

Late Tuesday night council ratified the agreement reached by the town negotiating committee and representatives of the union.

The town and the union had been stalled at a five cent gap between union demands and town offer. After a day long meeting with mediator J. McGuire of the Ministry of Labor, last week, an agreement was reached, but had to be ratified by the union membership and the town council.

New town costs \$300,000 to start

The bare costs of starting the new town of Halton Hills, covering only such items as furniture, renovating council chambers, wiring and plumbing, stand at an estimated \$300,000.

The town hopes to recover this money from the province in start-up grants, and has compiled the list to forward to Halton Region.

Councillor Harry Levy admitted it was a "ball-park figure" since all departments have not yet been heard from.

Renovations to council chambers for the new chamber in the municipal building on the Seventh Line amounted to \$6,951, while the counter area of the municipal building on Main St. Georgetown, came to \$2,069.

The \$100,000 computer is listed as a start-up necessity, while eight council chamber chairs amounted to \$777. Costs of the steering

committee before the regional system came into effect on January 1, are listed at \$10,220. This covers attendance by councillors-elect and staff at steering committee meetings.

An item rarely seen on municipal accounts was the purchase of 13 Bibles at a cost of \$116. The Bibles were used in the swearing-in ceremony at the inaugural meeting.

The inaugural meeting and dinner cost \$867, much lower than past wardens' dinners.

Truck cracks limbs off tree

Monday just before 1 p.m. a tractor trailer driven by Simon Szilard struck a limb of a tree on Main St. The tree split and looked in danger of falling. Police kept an eye on it for three hours till the cracked limb was cut by Don Swackhamer.

Friday a parked car owned by J. Kennedy Ford sales was struck by an unknown vehicle on Mill E., causing \$50 damage.

Thursday at Main S. and Kingham two cars were in collision. Driver Eamonn Dominic, Toronto, had \$175 estimated damage to his car and Leo Synnott, 20 Kingham Rd., \$75 to his.

Last Wednesday just before midnight a car driven by Steven Gordon, 37 Main N. went out of control at Knox and Park and struck a tree. Damage was estimated at \$200. The car was owned by Donald Behm, Rockwood.



BEARDMORE OFFICIALS were among industry, business and merchant representatives introduced to the Legion centennial coins at wine and cheese parties at the Legion. Today Beardmore announces a special plant program using the tokens. Seeing the ways centennial coins may be ordered are Union president Bill Spielvogel, Abbott Conway, Peter Dunham and Ray Evelan.



THE WOODBURN family who live in Crewsons Corners, will be Colorado-bound in September while Bob Woodburn studies at the University of Colorado, for his Ph.D. While Bob attended the University in 1971 to achieve his M.A., his wife Judy attended the Colorado Outward Bound School. New-born Jenna Free, their other daughter Karma and even Rufus their dog are planning for the trip.

One Canadian delves into leisure study

Bob Woodburn is interested in leisure, how it relates to our society, how we relate to it, what is happening in the area of leisure, and how we can educate our society to cope with it and utilize it properly.

Bob first became interested in this area after teaching physical education, and becoming dissatisfied with the course. To remedy the situation, he, his wife Judy and his daughter Karma spent a year in Colorado, while he attended the University of Northern Colorado, about 50 miles north of Denver. While in Colorado he became interested in the leisure study area and obtained his Masters degree in the field.

Will obtain Ph.D. In September Bob Woodburn, his wife, his two children and his dog, will once again leave their home in Crewson's Corners and go to Colorado. This time Bob will be studying for his Ph.D. in this field.

There is no definite name for the course that Bob is interested in, but for the time, he is calling it experiential learning. The main areas that this includes are education for leisure the adventure concept, the outdoor education concept and experiential learning in relation to all these aspects.

Trends for leisure Leisure can be a blessing or a curse, it can be fulfilling role for people in our society

and it proposes everything from the answer to the frustration of the work problem, to the answer to the unemployment situation, where we would have two or three day shifts of people, says Bob. The proposal is all futuristic, but the trends for the development of a leisure society are here, he emphasizes.

Leisure illiterates An important aspect of the leisure trends are that people are generally not born with leisure skills, or necessary leisure interests. These must be learned, they're not inbred and not genetic. Some people may learn these skills from parents or peers but, says Bob, the majority will not. The major place to learn

about the proper use of leisure would be in the school system, under qualified instructors, since most of the population are leisure illiterates. That is they do not realize the potential for leisure. Bob believes that it is critical to utilize our leisure time in ways that are going to help us lead a better life.

Bob feels there is a need to teach people how to enjoy their leisure time without having to spend a huge amount of money. When people do this, they have to work more to earn the money and therefore don't have the time to enjoy what they have bought.

How to live Instead of teaching students on how to make a

living, Bob thinks we should teach them how to live. That is, teach them the whole spectrum of leisure in recreation, the philosophy, how it fits in your life, how it helps you to make a successful living, and in effect make a successful life.

Adventure aspect Another part of the experiential learning program is the aspect of adventure as it relates to recreation and education. Bob believes that education can and should be recreational at times and recreation can and should be education at times.

Need for adventure People have a need for adventure - that is anything from making a gourmet meal to sky-diving. It's not

necessarily an extremely physical thing, says Bob. Of course there are the negative aspects to adventure like taking drugs or getting drunk at a party, but this is just a sign of the need for adventure.

Outdoors vehicle The outdoor education concept is not the study of the outdoors, but the use of the outdoors as a vehicle to teach everything from math to French, emphasizes Bob. Of course this vehicle needs to be supplemented with theory and in-class situations.

Bob has been teaching in the phys. ed. department at York University where he is the co-ordinator of the outdoors education activity. Continued on page 3