

Townships, town unite to fight corridor

Citizens representing the town of Halton Hills and the township of Erin, East Garafraxa and East Luther have banded together to ask for an independent study of the need for a 500 kV hydro corridor from Bradley to Halton Hills.

Known as "Interested Citizens from Colbeck to Milton" the group held a meeting in Stewarttown hall Thursday evening to organize Halton Hills. About 70 farmers and land owners, the majority of them from along the proposed route of the corridor, attended.

"We're organizing the three townships and Halton Hills so we can present a unified front to go in force to the Government and Ontario Hydro," general chairman Bill Mann told those attending including Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill, Councillor Les Dudy and Huron-Bruce M.P.P. Murray Gaunt.

A similar meeting for Erin township residents at Ospringe last week attracted 160 people. Aims expressed by the group include:

1. Organizing to collectively protect the interests against the "industrial giant Hydro."
2. Protect the farming community.
3. To stop Hydro from pushing ahead with the Bradley to Georgetown line and demand an enquiry as to whether the hydro corridor is necessary.

"We are getting tremendous support from all areas," Mann claimed. Schneider speaks Vice-chairman John Schneider of Erin township, a Brampton industrialist, reviewed the history of opposition to the corridor over the last three years. He contends Ontario Hydro defined the area for the corridor without studying all the alternatives.

"We are asking that all the alternatives be explored." He said the case was more complicated than previous decisions regarding lines in the Chatham and Wingham areas and stems from the east-west study of the Soland Commission.

"The nemesis is where the north-south (Bradley to Georgetown) line joins the east-west corridor. Dr. Soland decided that since the boundary limits of the east-west study ended at the Niagara Escarpment it would be up to his one man commission to name the point where the corridor crossed the Escarpment. He decided the best point would be at Limehouse and the rest of the corridor hinged on that decision, although Hydro still has to take a corridor to Kitchener, through Limehouse.

Ospringe meet opposes hydro

The first public meeting called by a group known as the Committee of Interested Citizens was attended by about 200 at Ospringe school Tuesday, March 4. The group was formed three weeks ago to gather together all the groups opposed to the Ontario Hydro's Bradley Junction to Georgetown power transmission line.

Representatives from Halton Hills, Erin, East Garafraxa and East Luther townships attended. Petition The majority of those present signed a petition

for another generating station on Delphi Point, near Collingwood.

The group also learned that there was an existing 500 kV corridor from Essa (near Camp Borden) to Toronto with additional capacity for 12,000 megawatts, which is as much power as is being used in Ontario today.

They were obviously expanding the Bruce-to-Essa-Toronto corridor, so why not study this alternate instead of pushing another multi-million dollar line through Class A farm land from Limehouse to Bruce, Schneider asked? Although some Hydro people agreed it was an acceptable alternative, Hydro refused to change their tune.

Hydro decided the corridor would go through Limehouse in 1967 and they are still going through Limehouse in 1975, Schneider noted.

Mr. Kidd wrote the prelude to say information had been withheld by Hydro at the Soland Commission hearing but Mr. Davis said the matter had never been brought up. Then came the new Minister of the Environment—Darcy McKeough who said he was waiting for the environmental report before it was decided whether there should be a public enquiry into the north-south corridor.

"But," said Schneider, "roughly one month after Mr. McKeough wrote the letter outlining his position he decided where the corridor was going to go."

The environmental report was issued December 28, 1974, six months after Mr. McKeough made his decision. Then Mr. McKeough left for a new portfolio.

"We've got reasonable cause to ask for an independent study," Schneider told the audience. He said both Government and Hydro were discriminating against people along the corridor if one was not made because other areas of the province were accorded the courtesy.

Safety factor Walter Scott, a safety engineer from R.R. 3, Georgetown, said there were hazards living close to a 500 kV line of which most people were not aware. Those closest to the line would have the greatest exposure. He claimed the corridor would draw in electrical storms from three to five miles away and there would be substantial T.V. and radio interference especially where towers blocked T.V. waves.

He said even Ontario Hydro admitted leakage from 230 kV lines to such an extent it made getting on and off a vehicle a problem, and enumerated instances where cattle would graze on one side or the other but would not feed under the line. He said it has been known for machines to start up on their own and others won't start when they are under the line's influence, citing the safety factors this could involve.

Huron-Bruce M.P.P. Mur-

ray Gaunt spoke briefly to the meeting noting the problem began in his riding at Douglas Point, pointing out Hydro's almost infallible decisions of the past were being questioned especially in his riding where in the corridor from Douglas Point to Bradley Junction they decided to jog around a bog and use good agricultural land. The official reason was that Hydro did not want to bother the spotted turtles in the bog, a reason accepted with some cynicism but accepted nevertheless.

Then it was revealed that the spotted turtles did not exist in the bog—they were further south near Sarnia. Public confidence in Hydro's competence decreased accordingly.

He pointed out Hydro's projections of escalating power needs were found to be inaccurate because the peak power period of the year in December, 1974 was substantially lower than in December, 1973, indicating there could be major miscalculations for the province.

"I couldn't understand why they wanted a Bradley to Georgetown corridor but it has been revealed Hydro wants to keep the existing Essa to Toronto corridor for future Northern development."

Mr. Gaunt said that all the power produced at the Bruce nuclear power plant could be transmitted in that existing right-of-way using only one-third, leaving two-thirds for northern power plants.

Now there's another reason—it also assures Hydro of another power plant on Lake Huron.

Gaunt said the battle had just begun and urged the audience to get in and beat down the door of the Minister of Energy because cracks in the facade were showing.

A question and answer period followed in which Norman Bird suggested Hydro should level with farmers so they could plan their operations much like Hydro tries to do.

Former hockey star Pierre Pilote, a resident of the area, said he wanted to fight "this thing" and urged the meeting to come up with something concrete they could put their teeth into. Other speakers urged farmers and land owners along the route to beg time by refusing land surveyors permission to come on their property.

Reford Gardhouse chaired the meeting.



Pet of the week

TIBBS IS THE NAME of this week's pet. He is a ten-month-old dog, part German Shepherd and Collie who was rescued from an early grave at birth and taken home to the Clifford family of Eden Mills. Since that time Tibbs has managed to steal the hearts of the six Clifford children who love and cherish him. He is seen after a bout of puck chasing at the local rink, with his pal Terry Clifford, 14, one of his adoring masters.

Authority Authorizes appraisal

At a special meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Thursday, a motion was passed to authorize appraisal of the Starret farm north of Glen Williams preparatory to purchase for the Silvercreek Conservation Area.

The property consists of 101 acres adjacent to the conservation area, less 25 acres comprising farm homes and buildings. A request was received to allow additional separation of two small lots in return for a 50 per cent reduction in overall price. The Authority decided this was against their principles and voted to have the 76 acre parcel appraised as a whole.

Church Services

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Churchill Road North
Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., M. Div. 124 Tidy Avenue Phone 853-2386

Sunday, Mar. 16th, 1975

11:00 a.m. Worship and Church School. Service in charge of members of congregation.
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.—Minister, Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A., Organist and Choir Master

Sunday, Mar. 16th 1975

9:45 a.m.—Minister's Confirmation Class for Teenagers (Withdrawn this Sunday).
11:00 a.m.—Church School for Beginners, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 8.
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Guest Preacher: The Rev. Joseph E. Taylor of Guelph. Nursery for babies and toddlers during service. Everyone Most Welcome

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. W. Eric Nelson, M.A., B.D.—Minister, Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Director of Music

Sunday, Mar. 16, 1975

Fifth in Lent
10:00 a.m.—Public Worship: Sermon: "How Piousness Keeps Us from Knowing Jesus"
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EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Rd. N. Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor 853-2715

Sunday, Mar. 16th, 1975

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday 6:00 p.m.—Crusaders
Friday 8:00 p.m.—Christ's Ambassadors

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(Churchill Rd. and Hwy. 7) Minister: Rev. J. Corvers

Sunday, Mar. 16th, 1975

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Pre-school Sunday School during the morning service. Sunday school during the afternoon service.
You Are Welcome

BAHA'I FAITH

You are warmly invited to attend a fireside discussion every Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. Phone 877-3497. When someone appears who claims to fulfill the prophecies, it is important that we examine his claim with open, unprejudiced minds. Should he be an impostor, the fraud will soon be discovered and no harm will be done, but woe to all who carelessly turn God's Messenger from the door because He comes in an unexpected form or time.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

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Director of Music Mrs. Frank Oakes Thursday, Mar. 13
Mid Week Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist 8:15 p.m.—Meeting in Parish Hall to discuss family life in the 70's. We would invite all those who are interested to attend — Topic: Working Parents

Sunday, Mar. 16, 1975

Passion Sunday 9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.—Church School and Nursery.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

177 Maple Ave., Georgetown. (A Fellowship Baptist Church)

Pastor: Rev. Robt. C. Lohnes Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Gorrie

Sunday, Mar. 16th, 1975

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship 6:30 p.m.—Evening Fellowship Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.
A Friendly Welcome Awaits You

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

80 Mill Street East, Founded 1842
Pastor: Mr. Das Sydney B. Sc.

Pastor's Phone—853-1835

Thursday, Mar. 13
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Sunday, Mar. 16th, 1975

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Fellowship at the Lands borough home.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Teacher training with Jerry Cooke. Everyone Welcome

Region building

Milton's chances of having regional headquarters situated within town boundaries were all but eliminated when regional council turfed out a recommendation by Chairman Allan Masson several months ago. Mr. Masson had recommended the council take an option on the Willmott property at the southwest corner of Highway 25 and Derry Rd.

That action was taken several months ago but became public for the first time during a press conference Chairman Masson held Thursday morning.

"We could have had an option on the Willmott property. I presented it to council and they threw it out. Now they wished they hadn't," Masson said.

New job

Appointments of Don Morrier, Manager of Regional Operations and Maintenance and James Preston of the roads department as regional weed inspectors has been approved by Halton's Administration Committee. The appointments involve no extra pay. Each municipality is required to appoint a weed inspector as well.

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THE GREAT ESCAPE.
Don't bother insulating. Let your walls breathe. Of course, heat may be escaping in winter and air conditioning in summer. But that insulation stuff is so itchy anyway.

BRING THE OUTDOORS INDOORS.
Never lift a finger to shut the window. Once again, you may be wasting heat, but all that fresh air will qualify you as a genuine nature boy with a genuine year 'round cold.

LET YOUR LITTLE LIGHT SHINE.
Here's a bright idea! Leave your indoor lighting on all night long. It may be a waste of electricity, but you'll be a guiding light to lost aircraft. Besides, you'll never have to waste your own energy flicking them off.

THE SWEAT BOX.
By letting your dryer run on endlessly, your permanent press will be permanently wrinkled. But at least you'll be setting a whole new trend in fashion. Think of the individuality you'll achieve as a prune.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE.
Pick a number. Any number. But keep that thermostat wheel spinning. If you're lucky, you might even reach 100. In any case you're bound to win a fortune in heating bills.

CREATE A BURNING SENSATION.
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