

## Council asks public inquiry into hydro corridor

Halton Hills council backed the citizens of Ward two (Esqueing) in their battle against hydro-towers, Tuesday night, when they passed a motion petitioning the provincial government for a public inquiry into the need for the Bradley-Georgetown transmission corridor.

The motion stated that Ontario Hydro has failed to justify the need, and has failed to provide an adequate independent study of the area.

The resolution was the result of a public meeting in Stewarttown March 6, where a decision to ask council to pass it, was made.

Councillor Ern Hyde opposed the motion saying, "It's going to go anyway, and we're just asking them to spend more money."

"I have been to enough meetings on hydro now, it won't hurt to go to another one," commented Mayor Tom Hill.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Energy Dennis Timbrell has said he will not make any decision regarding a public inquiry into the corridor until he meets with a delegation representing the "Interested Citizens" from Colbeck to Milton" on Tuesday, March 25.

Composed of residents of Halton Hills, Erin township, East Garafraxa and East Luther townships, along the route of the corridor, the group insists the Government should be according the Bradley Junction to Georgetown corridor the same courtesies extended to other corridor areas—a public inquiry. They feel the corridor is unnecessary, claiming it could follow an existing route from Bruce to Essa, near Camp Borden, and from there to Toronto without affecting Class A farm land.

The marching hydro towers—120 feet high steel curtain—will extend through Halton Hills' entire length.

## Skating executive elections

The Acton Figure Skating Club held their elections for the 1975-1976 executive on March 19.

Elected president was Mike Kinal, first vice president, Lorrie Cook, second vice president Melonie Bray, treasurer, Bernice Kinal and secretary, Helen Brouillard.

Other people elected into positions were: costume chairman, Mrs. Solen, and

her assistants, Mrs. Sheila Smith and Mrs. Carol Campbell; badge chairman, Marilyn MacEachern; test and competition chairman, Sheila Wilson and her assistant Shirley Rosenbersky.

Music chairman is Mrs. D. Rogers; and social chairman Mrs. Dodie McGilloy.

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## Springtime is syrup time



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WHEN THE maple sap started flowing, Brent and Michelle Heath, R.R. 1, Acton, had no containers to store it in. They solved the problem by freezing it in a large pot, then storing the resulting sap cube in their freezer.



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## Starret turned down Trail remains closed

Doug Starret said last week the Bruce Trail will remain closed where it crosses his property since the Ontario Municipal Board ruled against him on March 12.

At the OMB hearing, held at Halton Centennial Manor, Milton, hearing Chairman Hugh Kelly ruled Starret's application for a land separation of two lots was premature since the Niagara Escarpment Commission hasn't come up with an official plan yet.

Starret, whose property is located just north of Glen Williams, closed the Bruce Trail where it crosses his land last August when Halton Region Land Division Committee decided not to grant his request for the separation of two lots. He was at the OMB to appeal the Land Division Committee's ruling.

"I haven't enough information to rule on the merits of this case so all I can do is disallow it because it is premature. I am prohibited from approving this because the Esqueing official plan says no development until the Niagara Escarpment official plan is completed," Kelly explained. He suggested Starret should reapply for the separation after the Niagara Escarpment Plan is completed and the Esqueing official plan is amended.

Starret told the hearing he has the proper frontage on both lots and there is a road, but it isn't opened.

Kelly pointed out if there wasn't a road open then in the eyes of the law there isn't a road.

Starret charged there were other people in the area who were using a road allowance which hadn't been open as a driveway.

"That may be so but what they are doing is different than what the law says. It may be being used as a drive-

way but it still isn't a road until the municipality opens it," Kelly stated.

Starret said he was planning to use the money from the sale of the lots to buy the stone rights on his property and then was going to sell some of his land to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. He noted the Conservation Authority has been interested in his property for some time now.

Starret went on to point out he can purchase the stone rights at a cheaper price than the Conservation Authority and so would be saving the taxpayers some money.

Kelly suggested it didn't matter if Starret could purchase the stone rights cheaper because the Conservation Authority could always appropriate the land.

Starret said he was worried he would not get a good price from the Conservation Authority. He also didn't like the fact the Conservation Authority was the only place he could sell his land.

Kelly assured him the Conservation Authority has to give him what his land is worth.

"Don't worry, there aren't two values of the property, one for the Conservation Authority and one for the private citizen," Kelly stated.

Kelly concluded he was bound by the official plan not to tamper with the Land Division Committee's decision and so must refuse to grant the separation.

After the conclusion of the hearing Starret stated the Bruce Trail will remain closed where it crosses his property until such time as he is granted a separation. He added people are still using the trail and so trespassing on his property. Starret said he plans to continue telling people to get off his land but

## Put spring in your step

Most Ontario residents have a system of hiking trails and footpaths at their doorstep. On Sunday, April 27, they are being encouraged to discover the pleasure of hiking through some of the province's prettiest countryside. The Federation of Ontario Hiking Trail Associations is asking members to bring along friends and family for a walk in the fields, woods and parks.

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Mrs. Antonopoulos also owns a donut shop in Milton. Her husband bakes the donuts there, and they are sent to Acton every morning, fresh

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As yet, there are no definite closing hours. Mrs. Antonopoulos said she will see how much business comes in during the evening, and will then decide on what time to close.

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