Proposed Hydro corridor draws hundreds to Hillsburgh meetings After four days of hearings Timbrell, have only been dependent study of the entire corridor and pooh-poohing Ontario Hydro has not done a holding onto the edge of their that the route chosen took a und be exhibited blown up department compared the

foot, 500 kV hydro corridor, residents of Erin township seem to agree it is the best entertainment for miles. They are flocking to meetings In the Hillsburgh community there should be an incentre in hundreds to hear dependent study of the entire arguments pro and con the corridor that have all the halimarks of a courtroom drama. And there are still the 500 kV east-west corridor. more to come.

Energy Minister Dennis there is no money for an in-

just north of Ballinalad and up to a point west of Citizens Group headed by William Mann, contends east-west corridor. corridor from Bradley Junction to the point in Halton

Queen's Park, through Mr. · The meetings, ordered by Timbrell, has indicated that

Hills where it will join up with

asked to consider the 25-mile route such as was done by suggestions that Hydro could stretch of proposed corridor. Bruce Howlett for the east- use existing corridors which reaches from a point west corridor. Citizens along already occupied by hydrothe route are screaming they towers to connect the Bruce deserve the same treatment Shelburne, but the Interested as the Government gave the east-west grid. those along the route of the

> Interested Citizens Group and Citizens have been stars of communities along the route the show but the ICG has been of the proposed corridor, fielding convincing and have sat through some of the knowledgeable experts of hottest days of the summer to their own who have strongly hear testimony from a bat- indicated there should be an tery of Ontario Hydro experts Independent study of the defending their choice of a entire corridor, because

nuclear power station with

Hydro lawyer J. B. S. Southey and R. S. Smith, Representatives of the lawyer for the Interested

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proper environmental study. Singe for the hearings in the well-lit Hillsburgh

community centre meeting rooms, has the Environmental Hearing Board on the middle of a horseshoe white Ontario Hydro representatives sit on one side behind the redoubtable Mr. Southey. Mr. Smith leads the offense from the other side. Both lawyers have led with questions that have led to gripping drama which has the audience, estimated at over 200 for one evening meeting,

seats, alternately applauding and laughing as points were

Although it is one of the busiest times of the year for

fluential people of the town- ported to show how it was

on environmental concerns. sald Ontario . Hydro had \$25,22. Earlier this year it was already demonstrated far. Ernest Michael Kenney of

David R. Cressman, senior Cressman said there are environmental engineer for 43,560 square feet in an acre the predominately rural Hydro, defended their and each tower would only audlence, entire families selection of a route and take 2,986 square feet or .07 of have come to hear the suggested there would be an acre out of production. He proceedings because their very little damage to the said Hydro is using one-tenth farm could be affected, or a environment and the of an acre as a safe maximum neighbor's. There have been majority of the land beneath figure and the major finan charges the route Ontario the 160 foot high towers could cini effect on the loss of crop Hydro selected was be returned to use once on area occupied by the "political" rather than based towers were installed. He towers would amount to only

charged in the Legislature mers can carry on farming Hydro's right of way planning

log around some of the in- aerial photos which pur- cost of putting cables underground as compared to towers and he said it would cost as much as 25 times to go underground as it would with towers. The figure could go as low as 15 times as much over more suitable terrain. Overhead lines he said, cost \$460,000 a mile while the lowest estimate on underground wires would cost as much as \$6.9 million a mile to

as much as \$11.5 million. Mr. Kenney also said the suggestion Hydro use underground cable would also be more destructive environmentally, would put restrictions on some types of crops. As a result Ontario Hydro had ruled out the fensibility of underground because if was "manifestly apparent" it would be more damaging and costly than overhead wires.

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Mr. Kenney also said there

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One Hundred and First Year -No. 4 ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1975 1,283 homes abutting town

rejected by planning board Two separate proposals, calling for a total of 1,283 homes, on 206 acres, bounded by Churchill Road North, and Highway 7, on the fringes of Con. 4.

Tuesday night. The first proposal to be the Acton sewage plant was rejected was from Rinarin taken up with houses now Ltd., of Brampton, who planned 472 units on 88 acres already approved. on part of Lot 28, Con. 4.

The second plan, from Acton Holdings, Toronto. called for 811 homes on 118 acres on part Lot 28, and 29,

Acton, were turned down by A report from Assistant Halton Hills Planning Board, Town Planner Ron Burnett A report from Assistant said all available capacity in under construction and plans

He sald both projects were

premature, since the Region- estate developments, be the town by-laws.
al Works department is in- approved until the study is - The planning board envestigating the possibility of completed.

The planner said a rural land use inventory is now being prepared for the Halton Hills Official Plan. He advised no decisions on residential development except

dorsed the planner's report. expanding the Acton sewage plant from the present capacity of .65 million gallons former town of Acton, where a day to one million gallons. They would have to conform to the planner a report and with no comment, passed a motion saying it does not conform to the Official Plan, and is premature.

Town to inspect highway 7 plans

Halton Hills council is infor reconstruction of highway too. 7 between Acton and Guelph

Councillor Joe Rurst suggested the town should find out about the proposed work on the highway while the plans are still tentative and not wait until they have been finalized.

He said that both he and viting representatives of the engineer Robert Austin went Ministry of Transportation to Rockwood last week to and Communications to come inspect the plans and thought and present a brief on plans council should see the plans

> Councillor Ernie Sykes said council should be aware of all provincial work plans which take place in Halton Hills. All effected residents had been informed of the meetings in Rockwood.

Hill walks out

Both region

came within two votes of repeating history and making Milton the regional seat of

In a long, drawn-out debate council rejected both the proposed Milton side at Highway 25 and Derry Rd. and a second site in Oakville. The second site was on Highway 25 at Bronte Provincial Park.

The nine-person Burlington caucus played a substantial role in killing both of the proposals. Burlington has nine of the 24 members on council. The Milton site was recommended by the site and building committee and was the first to be voted on.

That proposal received no support from Burlington and only two votes from Oakville. Councillors Terry Mannell and Bill Mason broke ranks with their Oakville colleagues and supported the Milton site on the first vote.

Chances of that proposal winning council's endorsation fell by the wayside, however. Councillor Ric Morrow of Halton Hills was the lone northern councillor to vote against the Milton site.

Commenting on the outcome of the vote during a recess, site and building committee chairman Tom Hill said "If we had McKenzle and Eriksen, we might have had it." Councillor Pat McKenzie of Halton Hills is

Halton Regional Council reported to be away at Milwaukee for a major

Developers too There were no Burlington sites suggested as potential headquarters but it is general knowledge that at least three developers have proposals in the Burlington area they would like considered.

A discouraged Tom Hill announced his resignation from the site committee after both of the sites considered by the committee were rejected. "I've banged my head

against the wall for two years, I'm not going to do it any more." Mr. Hill left the meeting early, after the committee of the whole deliberations and prior to the Oakville site being rejected on a recorded vote.

Planning Director Ed Cumming gave councillors a verbal report reviewing the committee deliberations and how it had narrowed down the various proposals to two

Central He pointed out the Milton site was preferred because of the scenic attributes and the easy access and geographical centrality.

Mr. Cumming noted the Milton location loaned itself Continued on page 3



70 YEARS A member of the Oddfellows, George McPhail was presented with the pin commemorating seven decades of membership last Wednesday. Making the presentation are

D.D.G.M. W. E. Coppin, Toronto, left, and United lodge 415 financial secretary Tom Mac-Donald, right. Fellow lodge members came up by bus from Toronto for the presentation.

sites rejected Refuse rezoning repeating history and making league baseball game. Milton the regional seat of Halton during a meeting Wednesday. Milwaukee for a major league baseball game. Councillors Eriksen and Mac Councillors Eriksen and Mac Anderson of Oakville missed the meeting as well.

Board refused an application by Environmental Technical Services, to rezone a lot on the east side of Highway 25, from industrial to residential. The lot, with 139 foot 25. frontage on Highway 25 runs

The town of Halton Hills

and Darcy McKeough,

Minister of Treasury,

Economics and Intergovern-

mental Affairs, are at logger-

heads over the regional in-

stallation and maintenance of

Only Councillor Mike

Armstrong did not go along

with a letter protesting the

regional works department

doing the work in town, and

sending a letter to all the

municipalities in Halton

A reply to the original letter

to the Minister stating their

asking for their support.

water and sewer services.

300 feet back to Wallace Street. The owner planned to keep the back half industrial with access to Wallace Street, but wanted to build a home on the part fronting on Highway

A report from the planning would be undesirable to place

the government, but stated be

was not prepared to accept

Mr. McKeough's explanation

when he could see what is

happening to the cost of

operating sewer and water

Department was not even

going to do the actual work.

and would allow any con-

actual work should be done by

the town, and charged back to

the Region if they want to

keep control of these ser-

tractor to dig up the town done.

He said the Regional Works

Town takes on province

in water-sewer battle

department said there are houses on either side of the lot now, although the area is

The report said the existing six houses did not warrant rezoning, and claimed It

Levy said he would go

further and push for complete

control of water and sewers

but if that proves impossible

he suggested a working

arrangement with the Region

may be possible. "We would

have better control of how

and when the work is actually

Sykes said the town would

municipalities in Halton

behind them for the province

to listen. He said McKeough

would be attending Regional

Council August 20, and said

the matter would come up at

concluded.

Hyde claimed at least the have to get the rest of the

one or two new homes in this block, "as it would serve as an incentive to preserve the existing housing stock"

zoned industrial.

The report contended that rezoning to residential would retard industrial development in the area, and pointed out there are two commercial lots, Acton Automotive and Industrial Supply, and Al's Marine and Service Centre, and one industrial lot, Acton Wood Products already in the

The report predicted problems arising from a residential rezoning, citing extension of strip development on Highway 25, more demands for residential rezoning, and increased complaints of noise, traffic and odors from residents in an industrial area.

The final recommendation said the area north of the railroad is not suited for future residential develop-

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board accepted the planner's report and recommended the application for rezoning be refused by council.

Council settles parks vices. "We were doing it to views, did not satisfy to a picturesque development the satisfaction of the people. Councillor Ern Hyde. He said We don't have to swallow he did not want to embarrass maintenance question The continuing saga of who wondered who was responof flower beds and other sible for deciding where a impractical things. At some slide or new building goes. He point someone has to stop and continued that he wasn't say no to these people." clear on what department Councillor Ernie Sykes said would decide where a new



VROOM! Jet dragsters tore down the strip at Toronto International Dragway on fifth line Halton Hills, Saturday evening reaching speeds up to and over 250 miles per hour. Smoke belched from the afterburners and loud booms made everyone wish they had brought their ear

Postings for OPP

Men of the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. all know now where they will be going when the detachment closes here Sept. 1. Detachment commander

Corp. Bob Arbour says the Commissioner's Committee of the O.P.P., Toronto, has approved all the transfers effective Sept. 2. Corp Arbour himself will

go to Milton O.P.P., and others who will also transfer to Milton are Cons. Bruce McArthur, Cons. Bob Willmott, Cons. Ron Barrett and Cons. Gerry Gibson. Cons. Dave Boyes will go to

the Guelph detachment. Two men, Cons. Murray McCrea and Cons. Duncan McAleese, will go to Simcoe 0.P.P.

Cons. Gary Lee will go to Burlington O.P.P.

· would see to it that recreation advisory committee suggestions for general maintenance would be dealt with by the engineer and that any changes in park set up or design which the advisory groups come up with will be sent to the committee.

Councillor Roy Booth

in Halton Hills is responsible

for parks maintenance may

. Last week the works

committee suggested the

recreation advisory com-

mitteer pass on their com-

engineer.

debate.

have finally been settled.

plaints and inquiries about ministration committee park maintenance to the town recommended that anything dealing with planning of . Monday night Halton Hills parks or facilities should be council went along with that left in the hands of the plan but only after some recreation committee and wondered if this was now the Councillor Joe Hurst exresponsibility of the works

plained that the engineer department. Councillor Len Coxe said the intent of the works committee's decision was to have maintenance handled by works and everything else

park should go either.

He pointed out the ad-

DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED at \$2,000 when 35 windows at the main

Robert Little school and stone school were broken Sunday. Two youths

have been charged. Stones were found inside the shattered panes. Entry

window pictured above was of plate glass.

operated by recreation. Councillor Ern Hyde said one reason there is a problem with parks is "Some people want to put flower beds on top he believes park planning should be left up to the planning department. He suggested it isn't the concern of the recreation director and the recreation department is to take care of programming in parks only.

Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard said park planning was a job to be shared by both recreation and planning departments.

Sykes replied that the recreation department should only act as advisors to the planning department on pork Councillor Harry Levy said

it was the other way around Continued on page 3