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manager of Pemberton's Choicelea Farm, in Halton Hills. The Gelderlands have been imported from Holland and are a heavy carriage horse rarely seen in this country.

Postpone financial aid but

Council to hear case against hydro corridor

Representatives of the Interested Citizens Group, which is battling the provincial government and Ontario Hydro on the Milton to Bradley Junction hydro corridor issue have been invited to make a presentation to Halton Hills Council on the detrimental effects construction of the line could have on the entire town.

Council's finance and personnel committee extended the invitation Monday night, when four members of the group, Reford Gardhouse, Norman Bird, Jim Carney and Bill Karn appeared before them with a request for financial aid to help defray legal expenses they have incurred in their fight.

Gardhouse, spokesman for the committee that East Garafraxa, township, one of 10 municipalities which has representation in the Interested Citizens Group has already donated \$1500 to the cause and that the Halton Federation of Agriculture has provided another \$1,000. He said William J. Mann, chairman of the group has also approached councils in each of the other municipalities the proposed line would pass through.

"We feel this thing could affect all the people in Halton Hills," Gardhouse explained. "The one line projected now is only the beginning. There are long range plans for others and one of them is headed through Halton Hills, too."

Although Councillor Harry Levy explained that granting aid to the group would open the door for other deputations, whether individual or collective to approach council for financial aid, Bird said he thought the hydro fight is a special case.

"This is not just an ordinary citizens' group," he said. "When you start to fight an organization that's given a free hand by the government, you're taking on quite a job. There's been a lot of voluntary effort put into this, something you people might need in the future and more."

Bird suggested perhaps council should distinguish between groups doing things for themselves and those doing things for the whole community.

Gardhouse charged that council hasn't taken the initiative in the fight and that his group has had to, but he recalled the efforts of the late Councillor Len Cox, who attended the Hillsburgh meetings and had also accompanied members of the group to Queen's Park.

He told council the group's aim is to force an independent study on the need for and location of the line. "We would accept what the independent study says," he said.

Councillor Ernie Sykes claimed the group should have approached Halton Regional Council. "This thing is being discussed at the region on a planning basis," he explained. "If you're going into a fight, you've got to use the biggest stick you've got."

Recalling a conversation he had with John Schneider, Councillor Russ Miller said Schneider's arguments against the line made a lot of sense. He recommended that council budget the sum of \$2,000 for 1976 to aid any further fight the group has.

Councillor Sykes said he felt the financial aid should come now.

"If the independent study will be of benefit to the entire town, I think the matter is urgent enough to do it now," he said. "It may be a little too late, although this group has done an admirable job."

Councillor Levy maintained that it has not been shown that the line is going to adversely affect all of Halton Hills.

"I feel that we as a committee should be more informed

of the detriments, before making a recommendation to council," he said. "I'd oppose any resolution, which would recommend to council support for your group now, but I'm open enough to look at documentation of the detriments of the line."

Councillor McKenzie recalled that last month the committee turned down a request for a \$1500 grant, because it wasn't in the budget. "I'm

sympathetic to the problem, but we could be opening the floodgates," he said.

Hearing his colleagues' views, Miller decided to withdraw his recommendation, suggesting a short presentation to council by Schneider might be very enlightening.

Gardhouse assured the committee the group could produce all the evidence they needed at a future meeting.

Too many committees says councillor Morrow

Halton Hills councillor Ric Morrow feels there are too many sub-committees, sparking the other members of the General Administration Committee to agree with him.

At the Monday evening meeting, Mr. Morrow said he thought guide lines should be drawn up when it comes to committees.

Clerk Delmar French said that last April, a resolution had been passed for the council to appoint standing committees to be responsible for all town properties and build-

ings. Mr. Morrow now feels that the committee of the whole should review that resolution. He requested the clerk to prepare a list of all the standing committees other than the normal standing committees.

Chairman Les Duly said standing committees had been set up because councillors had no time to deal with the particular matters themselves, but now agreed they should be reviewed.

The committee passed a resolution to take this matter to committee of the whole and have it reviewed.

Citizens annoyed by failure to get transcripts

Members of the Interested Citizens Group opposing a 500 kV hydro line from Bradley Junction to Georgetown, until an independent study has been made, are also annoyed with the Environmental Hearing Board over their refusal to allow them transcripts of recent hearings in Hillsburgh.

According to officials of the citizens' group, the Environmental Hearing Board has said there are not many transcripts and it is not feasible to make more until a costing study is done.

"As you no doubt recall," said Gordon Kidd, Halton Hills farmer and member of the Interested Citizens, D. S. Caverly, chairman of the Environmental Hearing Board made a promise at the Hillsburgh hearings that transcripts would be available. But it isn't possible to get them, despite the promise."

However, the Interested Citizens did learn that the EHB report of the Hillsburgh hearings at which they asked for an independent study, may be issued in the middle of November. Repeated enquiries by this newspaper have drawn no response as to when the recommendations about the line would be issued. However, Cathy O'Donnell of Orton, says she was told by could come out in the middle of the month.

They are also annoyed because of what they term the non-fulfillment of election promises. Premier Bill Davis

promised he would have former agricultural minister Bill Stewart look into the feasibility of an independent study on the Georgetown to Bradley Junction hydro corridor but the Interested Citizens claim they have information that reveals Mr. Stewart has done nothing about the promises. Premier Bill Davis promised he would have former agricultural minister Bill Stewart look into the feasibility of an independent study on the Georgetown to Bradley Junction hydro corridor but the Interested Citizens claim they have information that reveals Mr. Stewart has done nothing about the promise.

Winter parking

Halton Hills works committee decided Monday they will examine various methods to ensure that cars aren't parked overnight and hamper snow removal operations later this month.

Already the ideas of three hour parking limits, snow routes, and no parking allowed on streets between midnight and 7 a.m. have been discussed by the committee.

Mayor faces McKeough over faulty assessment factor

A solution to what appears to be an injustice that Nassagaweya area ratepayers have lived with since 1970 may soon be in the offing.

Milton Mayor Aene MacArthur told Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough Wednesday that the township had been pegged with a faulty

factor when assessment was frozen several years ago. Because of that factor, township ratepayers have been charged with more than their fair share of the region's education bill.

"I went to see you in 1970 about that and you told me it would be fixed the next year and then the next year after that. It's pretty bad. I haven't been able to get anything done about that factor."

"Each year we go to the municipal treasurers in Halton with hat in hand. We don't want to have to do that," the mayor explained.

Rebate annually

A board of arbitrators composed of Halton's municipal treasurers meets each year and awards rebates from each community to the township ratepayers.

McKeough didn't offer an

explanation or reason for the lack of action, but promised the mayor that he would ask Minister of Revenue Arthur Meen to look into the matter.

McKeough was visiting Halton Regional Council to discuss problems over regionalization and answer questions councillors had.

Agreement to share facilities

Halton Hills is close to signing a written agreement with Halton Board of Education concerning the joint use of facilities.

Recreation director Glen Gray told the General Administration committee that "There should be no problem of this thing going through," he said.

At a special meeting on October 28 town officials, Board of Education officials, representatives from the two Y's in town and Sheridan College agreed their facilities could be shared.

Mr. Gray wants this all in writing however.

Following the meeting, Chairman Les Duly told this newspaper the town would be able to use schools for special programs, and schools use town facilities.

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The Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests a written reply from residents in the area comprising the new Town of Halton Hills who would be interested in being appointed to serve on one of the following local boards or committees of this municipality.

THE HALTON HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

THE HALTON HILLS PARKING AUTHORITY

THE HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

THE HALTON HILLS RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WARDS 3 and 4 GEORGETOWN AREA)

Applicants should indicate clearly what board or committee they wish to have their name considered for appointment. Incumbent members, whose appointment terminates on December 31, 1975, are required to advise in writing if they wish to be considered for reappointment to the board or committee they are presently serving on or to some other local board or committee.

Interested applicants should forward their written replies to the undersigned on or before November 25th, 1975.

G. D. Pritchard, A.M.C.T. - C.M.C.

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