

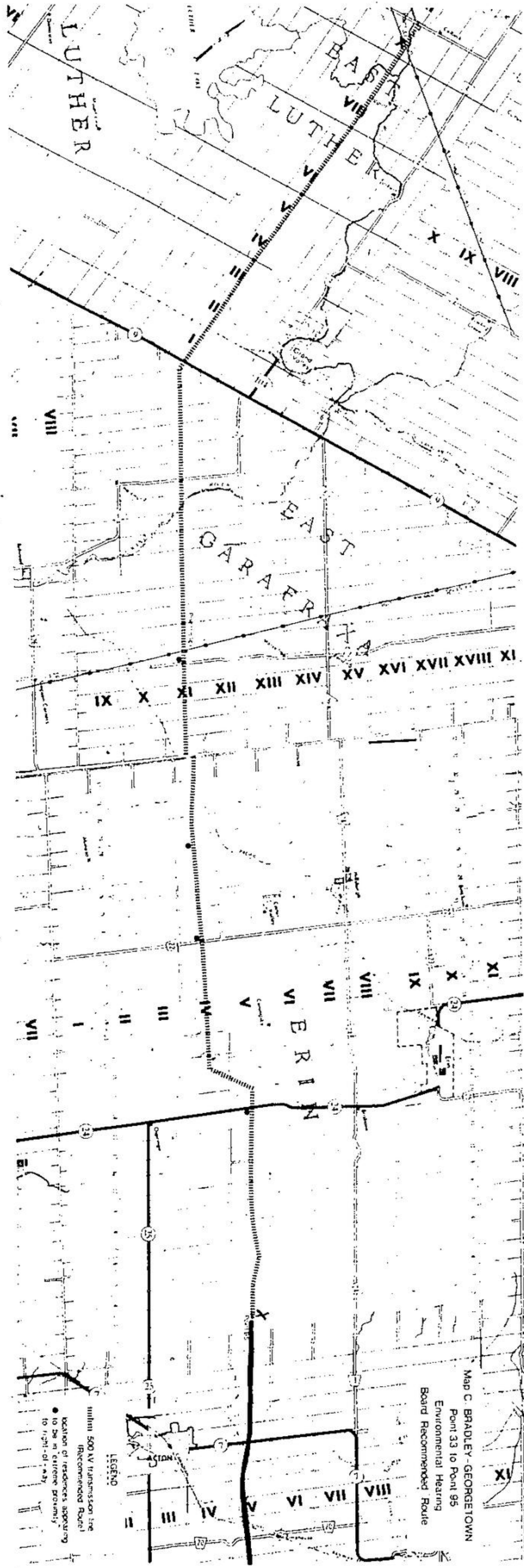
# Hydro gets go-ahead for corridor between Milton and Limehouse

Regional council

## Discuss goals at seminar

meetings, staffers make reports only and the debate is left to the councillors. The meeting will be held without the presence of the press or public so that members and staff can throw about ideas more freely. No decisions or resolutions will come out of the meeting, Mr. Reid said.

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resulted from a basic flaw in the public participation process, that there was no full public participation in making the fundamental decision as to where electric power from Bruce generating station should be located and therefore what the study area boundaries shall be.

After this light rap on the knuckles, the board recommends that in future Ontario hydro incorporate full citizen participation into the early stages of its planning process when study areas and general route directions are being determined.

However, the Environmental Hearing Board's consideration of an alternative from Bruce to Essa corridor instead of the swath proposed to cut across the Niagara Escarpment at Limehouse and along the middle of the Fifth Concession of Halton Hills in Erin township, may or may not have significance, Energy Minister Dennis Timbrell, who released the 53-page report, said in an accompanying news release he wants to receive comments from local people affected by the transmission line before January 31, 1976, so the Government can take their views into consideration before a final decision is reached.

Mr. Timbrell added that no work will be done on the section of the transmission line between Colbeck and Limehouse until after that time.

Hydro has been given approval to begin work in the sections of the line between Bradley Junction and Colbeck and between Limehouse and the Milton Transformer station, suggesting there will be no changes in the route of the corridor unless the Interested Citizens Group can pull some new tricks out of the bag.

"It looks like the Minister is just a puppet for Ontario Hydro," commented Interested Citizens Group vice-president John Schneider, when he was informed of the decision of the Ministry to proceed with that part of the corridor which did not come under the study.

The Environmental Hearing Board report indicated there was a meaningful reason for a broader study but we still aren't going to get it, Schneider said.

"Basically what the Minister is saying is that opinions of people between Points 33 and 95 near Ballinacree count, but the people from Colbeck to Bradley Junction and from Milton to Ballinacree don't matter a damn," he said.

Schneider still believes the matter is far from settled, however, indicating the Interested Citizens Group will be meeting to discuss strategy concerning the implications of the Environmental Hearing Board's report, which he feels buttresses the Interested Citizens Group's case.

The report did approve part of Hydro's suggested corridor through East Luther, East Garafraxa and Erin townships but straightened the route out considerably and suggested a change where the 100 foot high towers would march across 24 Highway at a point east of Ospringe on one of the highest elevations of the area.

The report also said the board concluded transmission lines do not significantly

affect agricultural production at the regional or provincial scale but can have a severe impact on individual farm operations if proper care is not exercised during construction. It recommended adequate compensation in such cases.

The report said Hydro should adhere strictly to ecological practices and consider higher towers when the corridor passes through woodlots or plantations. The board undertook an extensive field survey, viewing the area in great detail both from the ground and air to assess the impact of various routes before selecting what they believed to be the best alternative.

Although it was beyond their terms of reference the board also drew attention to the impact the corridor will have upon Duff's Quarries and the Black Creek at the Limehouse crossing of the Escarpment, advocating close consultation with Mr. Duff and the Niagara Escarpment Commission to achieve the best alignment.

Members of Halton Region Council and the senior staffers in the region are slated to meet together in an all day informal session today at Halton Centennial Manor.

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said he hoped councillors and staffers "could come together for an informal discussion of major goals and objectives that we feel should be looked at in 1976." The meeting will help chart a course for the

region in 1976. "We want to look at the region as an identity, determine what it is we have to do and find the best way to do it. We feel there should be some interaction between council and staff," he said.

At council Staff members attend regular council meetings but because of the format of the

## Dump closed garbage left

Halton Region closed the sanitary landfill site at noon Saturday, between Christmas and New Year's, causing a lot of garbage to be left uncollected, Councillor Harry Levy told council, Monday night.

He said people realized the garbage pickup days were changed due to the holidays, but did not realize the trucks would only be running in the morning.

He suggested on other holidays, the advertisements covering pick-up changes should set a time for garbage to be on the streets.



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**Weather**  
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West Education Centre, Glenwood School  
2468 Glenwood Drive, Burlington  
Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting Mr. George Munro at the Central Administration Building, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington.  
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