

Farmers unite

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people send in letters asking for hearings but everyone who receives an expropriation notice should send in a letter. Stick together and fight and present a united front and you have a much better chance of impressing the enquiry officer and Minister," Howitt declared.

He related how he and another lawyer won a partial victory over Hydro for 30 Chatham area farmers, a few years ago.

Howitt explained every farmer asked for a hearing and for four days they fought Hydro before the enquiry officer on the basis Hydro hadn't looked at alternative routes.

While the enquiry officer agreed with their case the Minister of Energy overruled him and the case went to court where the Chatham farmers lost again.

However it was getting close to election time and the cabinet finally decided to re-route 3.2 miles of the four miles of corridor the farmers were protesting.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of asking for a hearing. It probably seems like a difficult task and believe me it is. The farmers around Chatham didn't think they would win but they did. You never can tell what time and the prospect of an election coming up can do for you. You have to keep those elected officials on the hook," he said.

He continued by urging residents to write to MPP's Julian Reed, Jim Snow and George Kerr asking the cabinet to deny Hydro the special status it wants to put the line through Halton Hills without having to apply for a zoning amendment and thus avoid another confrontation with property owners before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Howitt said if Hydro is denied its special status then the residents will be able to take their case to the Ontario Municipal Board later and it will buy them some more time to try and change Queen's Park's mind about the route.

"You have to keep kicking and prodding the Ontario government. There is an exemption request from Hydro pertaining to the Burlington area which the cabinet has been sitting on for three years. Who knows maybe they will sit on this one, too, for a few years buying you even more time," Howitt suggested.

Peter Fallis, a Durham and Mount Forest area lawyer who is representing farmers affected by the line, who will go before the expropriation enquiry board soon, urged residents who are even within sight of the line but don't lose any land through expropriation, to protest to the Minister of Energy for a hearing.

Reford Guardhouse, who chaired the meeting and is the leader of the Halton Hills residents fighting the corridor said everyone must send letters asking for hearings.

During the discussion period, residents agreed everyone on the line and within sight of the line will be contacted right away and asked to send in a letter requesting a hearing. They will also be asked to contribute to the legal cost fund.

Fallis said the group has a good chance to receiving some financial assistance in their fight from the province, up to \$200 for each resident

who protests the expropriation, to cover legal fees. Residents vowed not to allow Hydro representatives and surveyors on their land until they are forced to. Howitt noted in the interests of good public relations Hydro officials won't come onto a person's land if permission is denied.

Fallis asked Halton Hills residents to come to the hearings in Durham and lend their support. He noted that what those area residents learn in the next round of battles with Hydro will prove valuable when Halton Hills residents go before the enquiry officer.

Chairman of the umbrella Interested Citizens' Group organization, William Mann, informed residents Julian Reed had done a fabulous job, one which would make everyone proud, when he spoke last week to the Legislature's select committee dealing with Hydro. He said Reed asked that all future lines receive an independent study and that the Bradley Junction to Georgetown route receive an independent study right away.

Fallis noted if just one group of citizens along the line can beat Hydro before the enquiry officer and Minister of Energy it would likely mean Hydro must come up with another route.

There will be a similar meeting tonight in Ospringe and another meeting for Halton Hills farmers at the Stewarttown Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Region should help fight hydro corridor—resident

Halton Region hasn't done enough to help Halton Hills fight the 500 KV hydro line which will cut through the heart of the town R. R. 3 Georgetown farmer Rod Pickney told the region planning committee last Wednesday.

"This hydro line affects many people, not just right on the line, but those who are close by. I would like to know what the region has done to help us?" Pickney said. He added Halton Hills has assisted residents fighting Hydro.

Regional planner Ed Cummings admitted the region's

activities in this area "have not been substantial." "I agree the region could have exerted itself more on this problem. The hydro line battle, after all, was in full stride when the region started," he said.

Cummings said the region had made a formal submission to Ontario Hydro asking for a relocation of the line-house part of the route on the basis that the Solandt Commission recommended lines follow existing railway rights-of-ways.

Noting the hydro corridor will have a tremendous bearing on agricultural land use in Halton Hills, Pickney declared "the area farmers need more from the region than comments. We need strong action."

Planning board chairman Mary Munro agreed the region should do more and instructed the planning taking some of its meetings out to the public it held its meeting last Wednesday at the Halton Hills municipal building, Seventh Line, department to prepare a report for the committee's June 30 meeting.

In keeping with the planning committee's policy of



KEITH WOULDSTRA is one of the newest additions to the Acton detachment of the Halton Regional Police. Constable Woudstra has been with the police force for two years. He is transferred from Georgetown.

Police profile

Const. Keith Woudstra transferred to Acton

Constable Keith Woudstra is one of the newest officers at the Acton precinct of the Halton Regional Police.

On May 26, the 26-year-old Holland-born constable was transferred here from the

Georgetown detachment. He had been there for two years, his entire career as a policeman. Before that he was a machinist in Burlington.

Constable Woudstra lives in the Georgetown area with his wife and son.

on June 15 at which area and provincial federation of agriculture representatives will speak and a progress re-

port on how the Halton Hill's residents next battle with Hydro is shaping up after two weeks.

Free Press Sports

More Sports this week appearing on pages B1, B2 and B3 Second Section

Squirt girls tip Lowville

Olympia Drive-In Squirt girls edged Lowville 2-1 in the south last Tuesday.

Teresa Dunn manned the mound for the squirt girls. Acton runs were scored by Robin McClure and Allison McKnight.

Lowville's only score resulted from Debbie Kay's slide to home plate on an Acton error.

OLA top marksmen

Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior "C" scoring leaders for the Central Division, as of June 2, are as follows:

Name	G	A	P
Sanderson, Org.	25	13	38
Tome, Wind.	14	22	36
Meredith, Hunt.	13	22	35
Wilson, Acton	15	17	32
Jacques, Wind.	13	13	28
Martineau, Wind.	13	13	28
Gilles, Wind.	12	16	28
Holmes, Hunt.	7	20	27
Robinson, Org.	22	4	26
Artem, Acton	17	9	26
Boomer, Wind.	16	10	26

Rams play as Clippers

Four of the Junior "C" Rams have seen action with the Junior "B" Oakville Clippers this season.

George Artem, Ron Turkosz, Steve Wilson and Kevin Marconis in the last two, played games for the Rams affiliated club at Oakville.

The Rams played against Six Nations at Oakville, and at Guelph with Elora.

Medals for figure skaters

Acton skaters finished well up in the ranks at the Halton Summer Skating School at Milton last Saturday.

Charlie Kinal finished first in the figures.

Donna Briggs and Charlie Kinal passed their junior bronze tests.

Cindy Brouillard got her senior bronze and Kathy Toth took the junior silver.

Ram scorers

The following is a list of all the Ram scoring as of June 2.

Name	G	A	P
Steve Wilson	15	17	32
George Artem	17	9	26
Ron Turkosz	11	8	19
Doug Taylor (Goal)	0	14	14
Jim Chisbalm	6	4	10
Kevin Marconis	5	4	9
Rick Van Fleet	3	5	8
Wayne Young	3	5	7
Ken Brown	3	2	5
Jan Campbell	1	4	5
Bill Matheson	3	1	4
Tim Taylor	2	2	4
Al McMinn	3	1	4
John DeCoursey (Goal)	0	4	4
Fred Allen	2	1	3
Jan McCausland	0	2	2
Gary Fisher	1	0	1
Gary Delong	0	1	1
John MacDonald (released)	1	0	1
Ron Burogoyne (released)	0	0	0
Dave McGiloway (Mid-get)	0	0	0
Bruce McPhail (Mid-get)	0	0	0
Shane Withers (Mid-get)	0	0	0
Rick Gibson (Mid-get)	0	0	0
Tom Miller (Juv.-goal)	0	0	0

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