

# I.C.G. group girds for Hydro battle

Property owners from North Halton along the route of the proposed Bradley to Georgetown hydro corridor met Thursday evening in Stewarttown hall to plan strategy for Hearings of Necessary, November 22, under chairman D. Meyrick, Q.C.

Bill Mann, general chairman of the Interested Citizens Group along the route of the corridor, told the meeting the group is objecting to the hearings of necessity because results of earlier hearings in Durham have never been disclosed. He said the group hopes to get the meetings scheduled for another date because they are creating financial and time problems for property owners.

Mann thought the Government was putting the cart before the horse because the Cabinet had not yet decided what to do about a Halton Hills council zoning decision

which would have stopped the corridor from passing through Halton Hills. The Ontario Municipal Board backed the town's decision and it will take a Cabinet Order-in-Council to reverse it.

Chairman Reford Gardhouse told residents who attended they should prepare carefully for the hearings because it was going to be a tough fight with Ontario Hydro. He predicted

Sixty exhibitors from Halton are included in the hundreds of entries in this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair which has an almost complete North Halton management.

residents were still going to win. Solicitor Dick Howitt, who is representing ratepayers in North Halton, recapped the Durham hearings which ran over eight days. He suggested residents should bring in Bruce Howlett as a witness. Howlett conducted the study for the Solandt Commission and was a witness for citizens at the Durham hearings.

Mr. Howitt said the chairman of the hearings in Halton is a different appointment than the one in Durham. The Durham chairman allowed all the evidence relevant to the corridor but could not compel Ontario Hydro representatives to give answers.

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John Schneider, annoyed by the apathy of some residents along the corridor, who waited until Hydro was knocking on their doors before demanding action to stop it, said the corporation has never presented any evidence to show why the corridor should go through this area.

Mr. Schneider argued "and they are so powerful even the Government can't stop them." Schneider's remarks were echoed by ICG chairman Bill Mann who said residents should note hydro bills went up 22 per cent last year, 30 per cent this year and further increases were on the way.

Alternatives suggested by the ICG were never considered, he charged. If the Cabinet comes up with an Order-in-Council then they are reversing the decision of three hearings because Hydro has not produced any evidence to show why the corridor should go through this area.

They're spending \$180 million they could be saving," Schneider argued "and they are so powerful even the Government can't stop them."

Is the power Hydro generating for the United States, with residents here the dupes? Mann asked. Who knows?

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