

# Hydro hearings continue.

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the OMB but did not see fit to do so. He said Hydro must go to the municipality for rezoning and the municipality does not want it.

Paroian jumped in, saying it was the same as buying property with an option—you don't close the deal without proper zoning.

The chairman retorted, "You can't compare a canoe with a battleship."

To which Paroian grinned, "I never considered Hydro a canoe."

The chairman deferred the question of zoning until more information was available.

The remainder of Monday's proceedings were taken up with procedure and three lawyers' statements on their clients' positions.

Councillor Prowse, representing the Duke family, stated his clients weren't opposed to the line but requested moving the easement some 700 yards to the north-east of its present position so the towers could run on the lot line. He said evidence supported the move and his clients, full-time farmers, would benefit by it.

He said he'd never been satisfied Hydro had to come down three-quarters of the farm. He felt it wouldn't inconvenience Hydro but would benefit his client to move the line.

Marshall explained the reasons for the lines' alignment across a man-made notch in the escarpment was to lower towers some what from eyesight. He felt farming operations were feasible under the hydro lines.

Initially, he stated, the Niagara Escarpment Commission demanded the lines be in the notch, but when challenged, replied the NEC only approved of the site chosen by Hydro considering the low profile of the towers.

Two lawyers, H. C. Funk and Mr. Sternberg, representing Kimsey Ltd. and Century Quarries, respectively stated their clients had no objection to the line but wanted the opportunity to choose between an easement or a fee simple.

Funk said property owners on the east-west corridor were given the option but landowners facing expropriation on the north-south corridor were offered only an easement.

Marshall, lawyer for the defense, explained Hydro's policies had changed between handling the two segments of the line.

Sternberg insisted his client be given the option between taking a fee or an easement, no matter which option was to be chosen.

First witness for Hydro was Arthur Mosher, manager of land use and environmental planning. He said he was project manager for the study area to choose a suitable power route and gave a lengthy history of the corridor, quoting frequently from the Solandt report.

Paroian challenged the accuracy of Dr. Solandt's findings and said he proposed to challenge Solandt's decisions.

The case continues Tuesday with more Hydro witnesses.

Like a worrisome pack of terriers attacking a bear, lawyers for the Interested Citizens Committee continued to bite the legs of Ontario Hydro Tuesday.

In front of an audience rarely numbering over 30, Paroian and Howitt challenged every step of Hydro's testimony. During Mosher's lengthy resume of the corridors planning history, Paroian constantly questioned evidence particularly the Solandt report and the BHI report.

He seemed incensed that Chairman Mayrick would allow as evidence reports Paroian claimed were inaccurate. At one point he exclaimed, "Why don't you just rubber stamp it!"

Mayrick replied, "I did not come up the river on a log," and commented it was obvious these reports had not been adhered to. He said, "It does not follow that I'm going to rubber stamp the Solandt and BHI reports."

Both reports remained as evidence.

During cross-examination of Mosher, Paroian brought out what could be the most important issue of the hearing. Leading Mosher along a path paved with kilowatts and voltages Paroian attempted to establish the Bradley to Georgetown Line wasn't necessary.

He asked Mosher if it was true the Bruce Generating Station A was limited to 50 per cent of its power because of design faults. Spokesmen for the ICC felt that even without the Bradley-Georgetown corridor, Hydro has enough existing lines to take the power now capable of being produced at Bruce.

The Ukrainian Youth Training Camp, represented by Councillor Kruz requested the moving of the line 100 yards further north off their 4th Line property. Kruz outlined the nature of this camp which he described as the largest of its kind in Canada.

He stated \$400,000 worth of construction had been completed on the property since 1953 which now consisted of barracks, chapel, athletic and track facilities as well as a nature study area. Reforestation had been employed, he said, to provide a screen for the property and allow a six acre hiking forest.

He felt the hydro line would eliminate most of the planted trees; necessitate the relocation of the chapel and barracks; cause loss of revenue during the estimated year of construction; require moving the present garbage dump when no other area was suitable for it; and decrease attendance when parents considered the possible danger from tower proximity.

He requested the line be moved to the neighboring farm owned by Albert Brooks where the right of way could traverse minimally reforested grazing land. Meyrick

brought out that Brooks had not requested a hearing.

Jaroslav Zajac, president of the National Ukrainian Youth Association, made an impassioned plea for consideration of the emotionalism involved.

Marshall countered with statements concerning Hydro's position.

"We are quite prepared to sit down with the association to attempt to accommodate these problems," he said.

He also felt most trees could be left intact, the buildings need not be moved, and the garbage dump could probably stay where it was. A fence could be built around the towers for safety, additionally screened with trees, he continued, remarking that a change at the camp would result in a change all the way along the line.

Peter Fallis, representative for 76 members of the Grey County Hydro Corridor Committee from Durham, requested the names of

all people from with the Durham hearings be added to the list of residents concerned with the line.

His request was overruled on the grounds that this particular hearing didn't affect them.

Howitt, lawyer for many of the residents, explained McCassa Gold Mines would be affected if the line was moved to the north as requested by McCassa's neighbors, Casey Boss and the Duenk family. Therefore, he asked the chairman to send a notification of hearing to McCassa.

The chairman replied he had no power to notify some-

one if they hadn't made application.

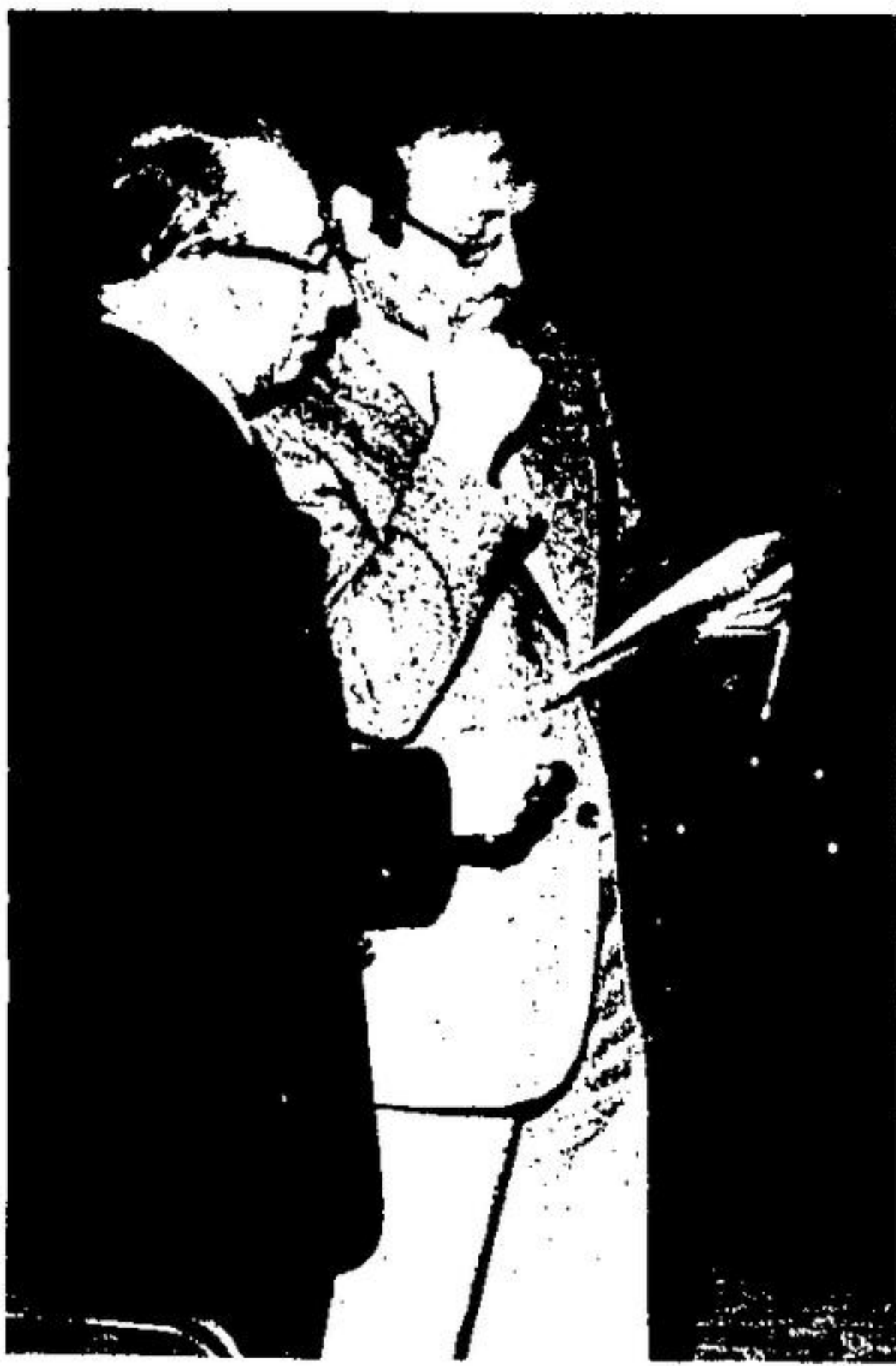
Showing anger, Howitt continued to demand notification on the grounds of applicable rules for inquiry officers.

With Paroian in the act the hearing became lively as Meyrick rules in the negative.

Cries from the floor of "rubber stamped" and "let's go home" accompanied John Schneider, ICG representative, as he arose and said Hydro "expects us to buy a pig from looking at the tail".

He went on to demand all the evidence be available.

Hearings continue as Hydro expects to call it a second witness Wednesday.



REFORD GARDHOUSE OF MILTON and John Schneider of Acton put their heads together during the opening session of expropriation hearings for Ontario Hydro's proposed Bradley-Georgetown power corridor. The hearings started Monday in Acton Legion.

## Recreation will feed and works will pay

The employees of the town recreation department will feed Fairy Lake wildfowl, and the works committee will pay the bill. General administration committee Monday accepted facility superintendent Pat Sheehan's willingness to have his people feed the birds and the recommendation will go to council.

An arena worker in Acton will feed the birds. Mr. Sheehan said the birds will be fed seven days a week.

However, he reported that the recreation department is opposed to maintaining open

water and would not provide surveillance.

He felt the birds which have not migrated should be housed for the winter.

Councillor George Maltby said the fair board had not yet been asked about the use of their poultry shed for the birds. (Some of them were penned there last winter.)

The housing question goes back to the works committee.

Feeding will begin as soon as council agrees to the recommendations.

"The lake is freezing fast," chairman Les Duby added.

## Help hotel—business down

Councillor Joe Hurst has suggested something be done for the Station Hotel which has complained it is losing business since Mill Street is being reconstructed even though the work isn't taking place in front of the hotel.

Mr. Hurst said the hotel owner wants an access from his parking lot onto Bower Avenue and noted in the past there was access onto Bower from the hotel.

He said he wasn't in favor of access from the hotel onto Bower, especially in light of

increased traffic due to the detour. His view was supported by the rest of the committee and engineer Robert Austin.

Mr. Hurst suggested the big barriers at Mill and Bower could be moved back and the detour sign left where it is so people could quickly see they can still use the street to get to the hotel. He said the barriers could be moved back to Fellow Street.

He asked the engineer to do whatever he can to help the hotel in this situation.

## New stop signs in six locations

New stop signs are going up all over town.

Halton Hills works committee approved erection of stop signs in six locations in Acton Monday.

A new sign is going up on Gould Crescent at Wright Avenue and another on Wright where it meets Mill St.

Stop signs will be installed on Mason Boulevard at McDonald Boulevard and on Wallace Street at McDonald Boulevard. The sign on Wallace will be for south bound traffic.

Westbound Wallace street drivers will find a new stop sign at Commerce Crescent.

A stop sign will be installed on Cedar Road at Churchill Road North.

Sticky wicket . . . he still gets ticket

Halton Hills can't help people when it comes to parking tickets.

Joseph Bray, 142 Elizabeth Drive, wrote to the town objecting to receiving a \$5 parking ticket. He told the town he received the ticket while his vehicle was partially parked on a road in a residential area of Acton.

Councillor Ern Hyde said there was nothing the town could do since the ticket was enforcement of a violation of the Highway Traffic Act.

Engineer Robert Austin's suggestion that Mr. Bray's letter be forwarded to the police was accepted by the committee.

Parade judges

Judges are all set for the Santa Claus parade here Saturday, Dec. 11—they'll be Dr. Jane Hosdill of Rockwood, Dr. Frank Oakes of Acton and MPP Julian Reed.

The honorary position of parade marshal will be filled by long-time Y's Man, area councillor Pat McKenzie.

Reports on different areas of planning were given. Candy canes and balloons are being arranged for.

A final meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 6 for last-minute checks.

Acton at the Boulanger home at the corner of Mill and Lake. He is hoping to cover all areas of the town before election day. He has had a good response wherever he goes, he says.

He attended the hockey game Friday evening.

## Candidate for mayor Harry Levy covers town

Mayorality candidate Harry Levy is spending time campaigning in Acton. He has been calling door to door and reports to the Free Press that he finds people wanting especially to talk about their feelings of frustration and lack of communication.

He has a headquarters in

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