

"Exceptional step"

Hydro opposed

Hydro land expropriation hearing adjourned until courts clarify issue

Interested Citizens' Group (ICG) took its "Greatest step forward" against Ontario Hydro's proposed Bradley-Georgetown power corridor when an expropriation officer decided, Thursday, that the courts should clear up some legal points before he could continue.

Hearing officer Donald Meyrick adjourned expropriation meetings in Acton's Legion until April, at the latest, after he received a unanimous request from all concerned, except Hydro, to have the courts decide if he can accept certain evidence and allow cross-examination.

Ontario Hydro solicitor J.C. Marshall said that he could only point out the cost in time and money to his client from the nearly five month postponement.

Ontario Hydro previously introduced evidence which it termed historical, but which ICG lawyers attacked because it opened the door to other questions on how the proposed corridor between Halton Hills 4th and 5th lines was chosen.

Hearing officer Meyrick told the Legion meeting that under law his jurisdiction was limited, but that because Hydro was allowed to introduce a type of evidence and the ICG was denied to ask questions on it, the law ap-

peared to favor Hydro. Expropriation hearings were called for by Ontario Hydro to meet objections of area land owners whose properties Hydro wants for a 500 Kilovolt transmission line from the Bruce nuclear generating station on Lake Huron to a transformer station near Milton.

The Acton hearings were the second of three slated along the 144 mile long line. Durham was the site of earlier hearings at the northern end of the line. The middle section's hearings have yet to start.

None of the nearly 70 members in the Legion audience opposed the ICG bid to take the matter to court. Meyrick asked if anyone wished to proceed with the hearings instead of going to court.

After no one, except Ontario Hydro, objected, Meyrick said: "That is important to me. I would not be able to entertain a motion to adjourn if there was an objection from particular land owners".

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90th BIRTHDAY was celebrated at Nobleton Saturday by former Acton resident Roy Agar. The spy gentleman shows the plaque he received from Premier William Davis. He grew up in Kleinburg, farmed in Saskatchewan and was in the coal business in Acton.

Regional government knocked

200 question 10 at M.Z.B. school

Dissatisfaction with regional government emerged as a main theme at the Meet the Candidates night at the M. Z. Bennett school Wednesday night. About 200 people heard candidates for the posts of mayor, area and regional councillor and school board speak in turn and answer questions.

Region council candidate Ed Wood stands on an anti-regional government platform; he favors a citizens' committee investigation of the legal and economic results of removing ourselves from Halton Hills. Incumbent regional council member G. W. McKenzie also referred to a meeting already held by a group of concerned citizens to review the town's position.

Mayor Tom Hill told the attentive crowd he has the support of the mayors of Oakville and Milton in his hope to have a private member's bill presented in parliament asking that changes be made in regional government, such as return of control of regional roads to the areas. To regain control of water and sewers "we'll have a battle," he predicted.

Harry Levy, who is challenging Mayor Hill, agreed a private member's bill should be tried but said the province made it clear

Different candidates mentioned their frustrations as a result of the three-year span of regional government so far.

Sponsors Meet the Candidates night was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Halton teachers.

Teacher Bill Coats chaired the first part of the program when Board of Education candidates spoke and were questioned—incumbent Tom Watson and challengers H. H. "Bert" Hinton of Acton and Bill Pierce of Terra Cotta.

Then C. C. president Louis Charlebois took over for the council and mayoralty candidates. The talking

lasted till after 10.30, but the audience was attentive, polite and willing to send up a steady supply of written questions.

Refreshments were served in the hall afterward as candidates and voters chatted about the issues.

Mayoralty candidates Tom Hill and Harry Levy spoke last on the program. Mayor Hill has had surgery on his foot, and Mr. Levy helped him up onto the platform.

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Petition for compensation

A petition seeking compensation for lost business is being circulated by Mill St. merchant John Coniglio this week, and 16 have signed already.

It states that the merchants whose names appear "feel that some kind of compensation in terms of tax cut or rebate should seriously be considered by the town of Halton Hills."

Mr. Coniglio says he will take the petition to council next Tuesday evening.

Any merchants who wish to sign the petition may contact him at his store, Mr. Coniglio says.

Detrimental The petition states: The last week in October 1976 brought upon our main commercial area (Mill St.) in the town of Halton Hills (Acton) a reconstruction of (Continued on Page Two)



Hearing Officer Meyrick He called it off.

Hydro lawyer Marshall He's unhappy.

Esqueusing gets more

All voters get liquor ballots

All voters in Halton Hills will also receive a liquor ballot on Monday.

The voters of ward two (Esqueusing) will be asked three liquor questions. The voters in Acton and Georgetown, who have already voted on two of the questions in past years, will only receive one ballot.

The voters in Esqueusing, who have never had a liquor question before, will receive three ballots each.

The initiative for the vote came from the Halton Hills office, so agreement would be general in the town. Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard explains there has been no specific application which produced the vote this year.

There are no immediate plans for dining rooms with entertainment.

All the Halton Hills voters will receive the question asking if they are in favor of the sale of spirits, wine and beer under an entertainment lounge license for consumption on licensed premises. This refers to entertainment in dining rooms.

The other questions being asked in Esqueusing are if

voters are in favor of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a dining room license for consumption on licensed premises where food is available, and if they are in favor of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a lounge license for consumption on licensed premises.

Applications for licenses go to the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and are strictly regulated.

Both Georgetown and Acton passed liquor questions in 1972. Now the same questions are being asked in ward 2 (Esqueusing).

Santa's contest

Children ages five to ten years old living in the area served by the Acton Free Press are invited to enter the "Santa Coloring Contest". For more details, please turn to page B 17.

800 cables

There are about 800 cable television connections in Acton.

HALTON HILLS ELECTIONS

MAYOR	TOM HILL HARRY LEVY	
COUNCIL	GORDON DAWE (Regional) G. W. (Pat) MCKENZIE (Regional)	
WARD 1 (Acton)	1 to be elected	LES DUBY PETER MARKS EDWARD WOOD
WARD 2 (Esqueusing)	1 to be elected	BILL HUNTER (Regional) RUSSELL MILLER
WARD 3 (Georgetown)	1 to be elected	NICK HUNSLEY GEORGE MALTBY C. F. (Pat) PATTERSON STEPHEN SAXE
WARD 4 (Georgetown)	1 to be elected	ROY BOOTH FRED (Tut) HARRISON (Regional) ERNIE SYKES
	2 to be elected	WALTER BIEHN ERN HYDE PETER POMEROY DAN TIMMONS
	2 to be elected	RIC MORROW — (Acclamation) (Regional) MIKE ARMSTRONG CEC MARTIN PETER MORRIS MARILYN SERJEANTSON
HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION	WARDS 1 and 2 (Acton - Esq.)	1 to be elected H. H. (Bert) HINTON DOUG PIERCE TOM WATSON
	WARDS 3 and 4 (Georgetown)	1 to be elected DON LONG BARRY SHEPHERD
HALTON SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD	WARDS 1, 2, 3, 4	1 to be elected HARTLEY SHERK TOM SIMMONS

4,500 voters

Acton's 4,500 voters will all vote next Monday at four locations only. There will be five polls at the Legion hall, five at the M. Z. Bennett school, three at the Robert Little school and two at the United church.

In Esqueusing, there are three polls in Stewarttown school, two in Limehouse school, two in Ballinacraigh hall, two at St. Alban's hall in Glen Williams, two in Speyside school, two in Norval community centre and three in Pineview school, a total of 16.

Clerk administrator Doug Pritchard explained he looked for locations with phones, good lighting, good parking and level access. In the past there have been neighborhood polls in homes and other smaller locations.

These locations will provide good phone communications for obtaining the results on Monday evening.

Election headquarters is in Gordon Alcott arena in Georgetown.

In Georgetown many voters will also go to the local school to vote.

There are about 22,300 eligible voters in all of Halton Hills.

Results will be broadcast Monday evening on cable TV, Oakville and Burlington radio stations.



ALEX CHIDLEY, a Kitchener resident who works in Acton, uses his CB radio to avoid traffic trouble on his round trip to work. There's a feature story on the CB craze on page B16.

Wolves suspected

Several sheep dead — confirm rabies

Two Erin Township residents are currently undergoing anti-rabies shots following separate incidents on their farms.

Smith Griffin, R. R. 2, Acton, Fifth Line of Erin twp. started his series of needles yesterday (Tuesday) after several of his sheep died of rabies. Mr. Smith told this newspaper he used to keep a flock of sheep on a farm he owned on Highway 24, but brought the animals to his other farm farther south after five had been killed by wolves. He pointed out he was sure wolves had done the killings from the type of mauling and other factors. These killings took place from Thanks-

giving to December of 1975. The killings started again in August on his Fifth Line farm when four more sheep were molested.

On November 18, Mr. Griffin said, he first realized it was rabies. He went out in the morning of the 15th to check his flock and found three animals slightly torn. He explained that these molestings were different from the others, which happened one at a time and the sheep almost completely devoured.

Heal quickly Of these three sheep, the Erin township resident said were treated and seemed to heal quickly. On November 16, one of the three was found

sick, and couldn't get on its feet. It also had a very high temperature.

Mr. Griffin treated the sheep with antibiotics, but it was found dead the morning of the 18th. On November 21 a second ewe which had not been suspected of being molested went lame. Veterinarian Dr. B.J. Wingrove checked it over, but did not suspect rabies (because of the early stage it was in.) A few days later, the animal died.

At this point, Mr. Griffin started to suspect rabies as the second dead animal did not respond to treatment, so he called the Federal Health of Animals office. Brain

samples were taken of the ewe and forwarded to laboratories in Hull, Quebec. The next day, Mr. Griffin received the call back that the animal had died of rabies.

Yesterday, three more sheep died of the disease, and Mr. Griffin started the shots himself for added precaution. In the meantime, he has quarantined his entire flock.

Discriminating evidence The farmer feels sure his sheep caught the rabies from wolves. All the evidence points to it, he said. The wolves had been molesting the flock, and had been seen acting strange.

The Guelph detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

had shot and killed a rabid coyote just before Mr. Griffin's trouble started, and neighbors had been complaining of the animals coming right up on their verandas, running beside cars, and nipping at school bus tires.

Mr. Griffin feels there is a great danger for children coming in contact with the rabid animals. He hopes nature will take care of the problem and kill the animals before they can do any further damage.

The farmer said when the wolf bounty was lifted in 1973, it was a step backward. He thinks it should be reinstated to get rid of some of these

wolves which have been killing farm animals, and now spreading rabies.

More shots Mrs. Gayle McPherson, a neighbor of Mr. Griffin, is also undergoing the shots. Her dogs had been mauled by a wolf, which kept returning to the house. A few days later the wolf was shot by the OPP and tests proved it was rabid.

It was after reading in this newspaper the dog was rabid that she herself decided to get the shots. Both of the dogs had been inoculated.

"Do we want to protect wolves or do we want to protect human beings?" Mr. Griffin said, insisting the wolf bounty should be brought in.