

Hydro land

(Continued from Page 1) which recommended the line from Bruce to Milton Transformer Station. Paroian said Dr. Omond Solandt failed to make a public declaration of interest that the line (a different route than the one concerned with the Acton hearings) would pass within a mile or a mile and a half of Dr. Solandt's property.

Albion
Dr. Solandt's property was about 10 acres in Albion Township on the 9th Concession. Paroian said that the line through Albion was then favored by Ontario Hydro and that it would have been "clearly visible" from Solandt's house.

Since the charge by Paroian, Dr. Solandt has said he mentioned several times during the commission hearings that he owned property near the proposed line.

Paroian drew from Wednesday's testimony, which introduced Dr. Solandt's decision to take a power line through the Beverley Swamp. Solandt recommended the line against his consultant's advice which would have preserved the swamp and would have saved \$400 million in production costs, Paroian said.

In arguments on the "objectives" or path Ontario Hydro proposed to transmit power from the Bruce to the south, the two sides split on the narrow or wide inter-

pretation of the word objectives.
Ontario Hydro lawyer Marshall said that in notices to local land owners, he included, for purposes of information only, a section on the objectives. "This involves a linkage of Bruce with Milton generally through Bruce, Grey, Dufferin, Wellington and Halton Counties", the notice states.

Hearings
Paroian criticized Marshall's presentation to the hearings because the Ontario Hydro lawyer specified that the line is intended to go between Halton Hills Lines Four and Five.

"No where in that document, except by argument, is there any restriction on the objective", Paroian said. "We should be entitled to open up all the alternatives", said the former hearings officer.

"Anything I put in this document is information, regardless of what heading I put on it", Marshall said. Paroian had pointed out that in the document sent to land owners, Marshall had stated in broad terms that the Hydro objective was "an integral part of an overall system design respecting the distribution of power to the major load centers of Ontario."

Hearing officer Meyrick asked Marshall for clar-

ification of Hydro's objective, but the lawyer could only refer him to the detailed order in council which outlines the lots and concessions that Hydro would like to acquire.

Reduce
"The objectives are often reduced in writing for inquiry officers," Meyrick said to Marshall. "I can't find comfort in whole, in part yes, in the order in council."

The move to take the dispute on the jurisdiction of hearing officers to the courts and the Legion hearings are the latest manoeuvres in the contest between Ontario Hydro, the ICG and other groups which spans about five years.

Several ICG members voiced their concerns during the two year long Solandt Commission hearings, and followed up with appeals to Ontario Premier William Davis on energy minister Dennis Timbrell.

Earlier this year Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney attempted to intervene on behalf of the ICG, but found his way blocked by an order in council.

A year ago last summer the Environmental Hearing Board set for about six weeks at Hillsburgh and explored the pros and cons of Ontario Hydro's selection of the Bradley-Georgetown route. The board made recommendation for a minor shift in the line.

He expects their task in this area will be done in February but that the office here will remain open for information. In Durham, an office also remains open for information only.

Construction personnel are also presently using the Acton office as they continue with their work. They are looking over the locations for the proposed hydro line and determining access roads, etc. They also talk personally to the landowners involved, as did the property agents.

Information

Hydro office remains open

Property agents will continue to work out of the recently opened Ontario Hydro office on Mill W., despite the adjournment of expropriation hearings at the Legion last week.

Senior property agent Jim McDougall says that three agents are presently working

on the offers of compensation in East Garafraxa, Erin and East Luther and they will continue to do so.

Appraisals and the subsequent offers of compensation have all been done in Halton Hills. As a result, landowners had an estimate of the money they would

receive at the time of the expropriation hearings.

If we stopped now, Mr. McDougall explained, we would be way behind if the decision is made to go ahead. He explains they are not making any commitments with the landowners.

Halton steer champ Guineas Shorthorns

By Mark J. Leahy
The annual Queen's Guineas competition was held Friday morning at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Over 300 entries were judged and sold during the day's program.

Six 4-H members from Halton took part and were quite successful. In the Shorthorn Steer class, Nancy McKinnon had the champion animal. Also placing in the first group was Cathy Arnold. In the Hereford Steer class, Jim McKay placed third in the first group. Keith Mc-

Kinnon placed in the select first group in the Angus class.

In the Crossbred and Other Breeds class, Charlotte Jaffray and Dave Stanley were placed in the first group. All contestants made a very strong showing for Halton.

A steer auction followed in the afternoon. Nancy McKinnon's steer, as Champion Shorthorn, sold for 70 cents a lb. Judge for the steer show was John Willmott of Pense, Saskatchewan, for merly of Milton. He was beef judge for this year's Royal.

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A NEW CLINIC for veterinarian Ben Wingrove on Highway 24 west of Ospringle means expanded facilities. The recently-opened building is a converted bungalow with complete offices, kennels, recovery room, operating room and treatment centre. There's even a portable X-ray unit, waiting to help diagnose the problems of Dr. Ben's canine and feline patients.

Girl Guide news

By Jean Vaughan
The second Acton Girl Guide Company held their enrollment on November 29th, 1976 at Robert Little School. The girls who became Girl Guides were: Dawn

Cook, Monica Musselle, Sandra Firth, Lesley Kenny, Carol ChaPpel, Lisa Mason, Beverly Le Clair and Sandra Le Clair.

The following girls were invested as patrol leaders and seconders: Leaders: Theresa Conroy, Ruth Alexander, Patricia Henry, Nadine Ewart; seconders: Cindy Pettibone, Jaye Gerth, Connie McCristall, Lynn Gordon.

The 'Guide of the Month' award for November went to Nadine Ewart, who, at 11 yrs. old, has displayed unusual capabilities in her role as patrol leader. Guides are usually older and more experienced before being able to handle such responsibility. Her efforts highly qualified her for this award.

The patrol leaders and seconders were officially invested.

Everyone received a service star and the following badges were presented: Miriam Alexander, landgirl; Theresa Conroy, collector and her lanyard; Patricia Henry, baker, lifesaver, helper and little house emblem.



H. H. (BERT) HINTON

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- Charter Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of Sheridan College.
- Charter Member and President of Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario.
- Halton County Elementary and Secondary Schools Consultative Committee.
- Association of Canadian Community Colleges.
- Canadian Vocational Institute.
- Ontario, Canadian and World Craft Councils.
- Reeve of Acton — Warden of Halton County

"EDUCATION IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN"

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HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION—WARDS 1 AND 2

CONCERNS ISSUES

- Cost of education and resulting high taxes.
- Back to basics and discipline of core curriculum.
- Structured programs to ensure student mobility within the school system.
- Competition—minimum standards and goals.
- System should rest on accountability of everyone involved.
- Involvement of community in educational process.
- Facilities should be functional, not expensive.
- Add proven new methods, while retaining the best of the old.
- Consider returning a portion of non-teaching staff back to the classroom.
- Expenditure of approximately one million dollars on a new board room is highly questionable.
- Control the excessive growth of administration.
- Policies on re-organization would benefit from further evaluation.

Written address presented by Mr. Hinton at the candidates meeting

EDUCATION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS. The ever increasing cost of education is the concern of the great majority of our taxpayers. The argument that costs in Halton compare favourably with the other boards in Ontario is essentially irrelevant, because Halton has probably the smallest land area with the highest population density, so savings are expected rather than earned.

Our board is responsible for millions of dollars of unnecessary expenditures. For example...
—Almost a million dollars for a trustees board room, enough money to build a new school.
—23 surplus teachers, a costly error caused by overinflating student enrolment.
—Incompetent salary negotiations which resulted in high increases at the top of the scale and low increases at the bottom of the scale.
—The trustees voted themselves an increase of 120 per cent (from \$2,000 to \$4,400) the highest amount allowed by law for eleven months of the year.
—In 1969 the budget was approximately 28 million dollars. In 1976 it was over 73 million dollars. This represents an annual increase of 15 per cent

compounded. No private enterprise could survive such a cost escalation. They would be forced to look for efficiencies.

This board is carrying almost two million dollars of the taxpayers money as surplus, or reserves, from which they have purchased things such as their million dollar educational 'Tal Mahal' Board Room.

In spite of 100 million dollars of new Assessment in Halton, in the last four years Educational taxes continue to soar due to inefficient spending by the board... They spent almost a million dollars on "The Primary Task Force Exercise" and then they scrapped it!

It's high time that the Halton County Board of Education became less innovative in dreaming up new and costly experiments to inflict on our children and became more innovative in finding ways and means of cutting costs to make education an affordable reality for the taxpayers of this region.

In changing the Halton school system to a permissive non-competitive, experimental stance, the Board has allowed the educators to "throw out the baby with the bath water." The Chairman of the Board has promised next year, and I quote... "To continue the 'mix' in

education as currently exists in Halton"... unquote; but the people are demanding that we get back to the basics and to the discipline of core curriculum. (Perhaps the Board is not capable of defining this!)

The public wants standard curriculum to ensure student mobility. They want standard examinations so that a graduate's diploma will be recognized by Colleges, Universities, and future employers. They want competition to prepare the students for the harsh realities of their society and the working world.

The student wants to know where he stands by comparison not only in his own school, but in similar schools across the Province. A student in the elementary school system needs a strong emphasis on the basics of education such as the "3 R's", spelling and grammar, in order to cope with the subjects he takes in the secondary schools. The Board is playing with words and deceiving the public when it says they have been back to basics for years.

We must start now to create a climate in education in which our children can grow up to assume a meaningful and rewarding role in their society. My name on the ballot is H. H. (Bert) Hinton. I spell it with an "X". Please remember this when you vote on December 6th!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The incumbent trustee has stated clearly and on a public platform that a reduction in Halton Board of Education's costs is impossible. On the other hand I state sincerely that it can be done, and I further give a covenant to the people of Halton that I will not sacrifice the quality of education, but rather enhance it in the process.

The Halton Board of Education Superintendent of Program is reported in the Oakville Record this week as quoting the high percentages of Halton students who are taking core curriculum subjects and suggests that the public has a mistaken idea that they are not taking these subjects. He quotes Grade Nine and Ten English courses as having percentages of 98 per cent and 99 per cent. He feels Minister of Education, Mr. Wells, is bowing to political pressure. This "Educator" is able to correctly define core curriculum as meaning that a "core of knowledge or skills is to be common to a subject wherever it is taught. What this "Educator" fails to understand and what the people are seeking is the need (for example, in an English course) for competent instruction by the teacher and proficiency by the student in grammar, composition and literature to develop an adequate knowledge and skill in the English language, to prepare the students for post secondary education or a job. This is the basic problem as it applies to all courses and the point, those who carry the ultimate responsibility in education, are missing. Does this "Educator" have to wait until the Minister of Education so rigidly defines the curriculum for him that good teachers will lose the advantage of the flexibility of their individual approach to teaching any given subject and thereby decrease the quality of education and the desire of a good teacher to teach it.

Salary Increases:
The Board gave the teachers the maximum increases possible, 7.3 per cent plus increments... or a total of 10.8 per cent, costing taxpayers approximately 4.75 million dollars or 3 1/2 mills.

Then on behalf of next year's Board, still to be elected, there followed increases to the administration and the caretakers, to hike the 1977 mill rate to 5 mills.

All Trustees from the north voted for this; five Trustees from the south voted against it.

The Halton teachers have had over a 50 per cent increase in three years with obviously not a 50 per cent increase in productivity.

Not all teachers support wage escalation. Halton was the first Board to settle and that made it difficult, if not impossible, for other Boards to go against the stream... A good reason for having all salary negotiations on a Provincial level.

The Administration has no objection to these increases because they know the board will grant them a percentage increase also. Our incumbent Trustees' comment "I know we have a good agreement: it's one of the best around" (It was the first one signed).

Salary Negotiations:
Experience proves that a local board of education does not lose autonomy by passing the responsibility of salary negotiations to the provincial level, where union and management negotiators of the highest calibre can come together on common problems. On the contrary, benefits accrue to both sides.

The Union establishes parity with all its members throughout the Province so that all are treated fairly and equally. It enhances communication and public relations between local boards and their employees because both know that they are beyond confrontation, frustration and turmoil on these matters.

The Board has still the right to hire, fire, control and discipline its employees under fair and honest guidelines. The Community Colleges have benefited greatly by operating on this system.

The Chairman Concept Versus the Department Head
Department Heads must have academic qualifications which are set out in the regulations of the Education Act. They are specialists in the subject concerned. On the other hand the Chairman (an innovative concept of the Halton Board) must qualify for leadership only. They do not require the academic qualifications of a department head and have jurisdiction over a large variety of subjects of which it would be impossible for them to be specialists. Even their legal status is in question because the Education Act does not provide for the position of Chairman.

It is possible that any teacher who polishes the principal's apple could win the job. At the Queen Elizabeth Park School in Oakville a chairman has been appointed who does not have the qualifications of a Department Head. We are risking further deterioration of the quality of our education by these unproven innovations.

The Department Head has a normal routine of teaching duties; on the other hand, the chairman may be required to teach one or two periods a day. You therefore, have

taken your best teachers out of the classroom and add them to the costly bureaucracy. Where is the economy of this and how have we increased the quality of education?

Primary Task Force Project
This is unique to Halton Board. They have spent almost a million dollars on this exercise and now they have scrapped it. This project takes teachers out of the classroom and pays to train them in questionable innovative methods; but the people say "why?" The Province has already trained these teachers at Teachers' College! Now, the Board could have workshops at no cost to the taxpayer and no loss of time in the classroom to do this job, if and when, it is necessary.

The Halton system has for years, been seriously behind other jurisdictions in the academic achievements of students. Is that why they thought they needed to spend a million dollars on the "Primary Task Force Project"... to buy what other areas got for nothing but effort and integrity?

Values Education (Halton Style)
The teacher can not tell a student he is wrong. He has to let him evaluate the situation himself and clarify his own ideas to his personal satisfaction. Under this system they teach that the parents or anyone else should not tell a child what is right or wrong; the child has to decide this.

Parents rebel at this interference with the training a child is receiving at home. They feel this philosophy undermines the confidence of the child in the parent and results in destruction of communication and trust.

Educators who sincerely believe in this system should

and encourage their participation at all levels when policies are being formed.

The Halton Agricultural Representative in the November Halton Farm News reminds his farm readers to ask questions in this election on education; such as: What and how are our children being taught in school? Are there sufficient basic courses? Are they teaching values that are really important?

Compulsory Physical Fitness and Health Education (Education for Life)
It has been suggested that this course be made compulsory for at least grades 9 and 10. The following are some of the reasons: Government statistics and surveys indicated an ever increasing lack of physical fitness in our population resulting in a generation of youth whose bodies will not allow them good health or an adequate life span. The present physical education program (presently being offered as an option), caters to the already physically fit. Those who need it most opt out. The lack of nutrition and consumer knowledge, the high incidence of venereal disease and pregnancy, are good reasons for all grade 9 and 10 students to receive health education, but only from highly qualified personnel (Medical doctors, Nutritionists etc.). It is a well established fact that those who are physically fit are emotionally and mentally healthier than the unfit and have better school grades. The grades improve as the fitness improves. An increase in the fitness level of our youth is plain preventative medicine and will make for a better society for the future.

Since Bert Hinton and members of his committee cannot call personally on every resident of Wards 1 and 2, we urge you to consider the issues and cast your vote for Bert Hinton.

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