

**Hydro corridor**

# Appeal Court to review Divisional Court ruling

The Court of Appeal will hear arguments on the fate of a proposed Ontario Hydro power corridor through Halton Hills next week in Osgoode Hall at Toronto.

May 21 is the date set for the hearing which will review a previous decision by the divisional court. The divisional court ruled evidence concerning different paths for the proposed 500,000 volt corridor could not be introduced into expropriation hearings at Acton. The hearing had to stick to the route selected by Hydro from the Solandt Commission.

The divisional court ruling covered only the southern end of the route, from just north of Highway 7 south to Milton Station. The route crosses the highway between Concession

4 and 5.

Lawyers for several local farmers many who are interested in the Citizens' Group threatened by Expropriation of parts of their land or settling for an easement, took the fact of the significance of an appeal court decision to expropriation hearings throughout the province.

Ontario Hydro claims that delays cost about \$70,000 a day.

The southern section of the proposed corridor is one-third of the corridor outlined by the provincial utility. A middle section stretches north from Highway 7 to Colbeck. The northern section travels from Colbeck to the source of the hydro power, the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station

on the shore of Lake Huron.

Ontario Energy Minister James Taylor is hanging onto all set to go to the Supreme Court of Ontario Tuesday, when the court session was to an expropriation hearing officer's report until after June 9 election concerning the middle section of the line.

Postponement of the minister's decision will enable Ontario Hydro to negotiate with about 20 farmers in the middle section, farmers who refused to enter evidence before hearing officer Donald Meyrick at Acton earlier this spring.

A bid to reverse the energy minister's decision to allow expropriation along the northern section failed to get off the ground last week. Durham lawyer Peter Fallis was

called off by what he termed the "mutual consent of all parties."

Mr. Fallis was going to argue on a technical point of law, which he said evaporated. "We thought they (Ontario Hydro) hadn't something, and they had," he said.

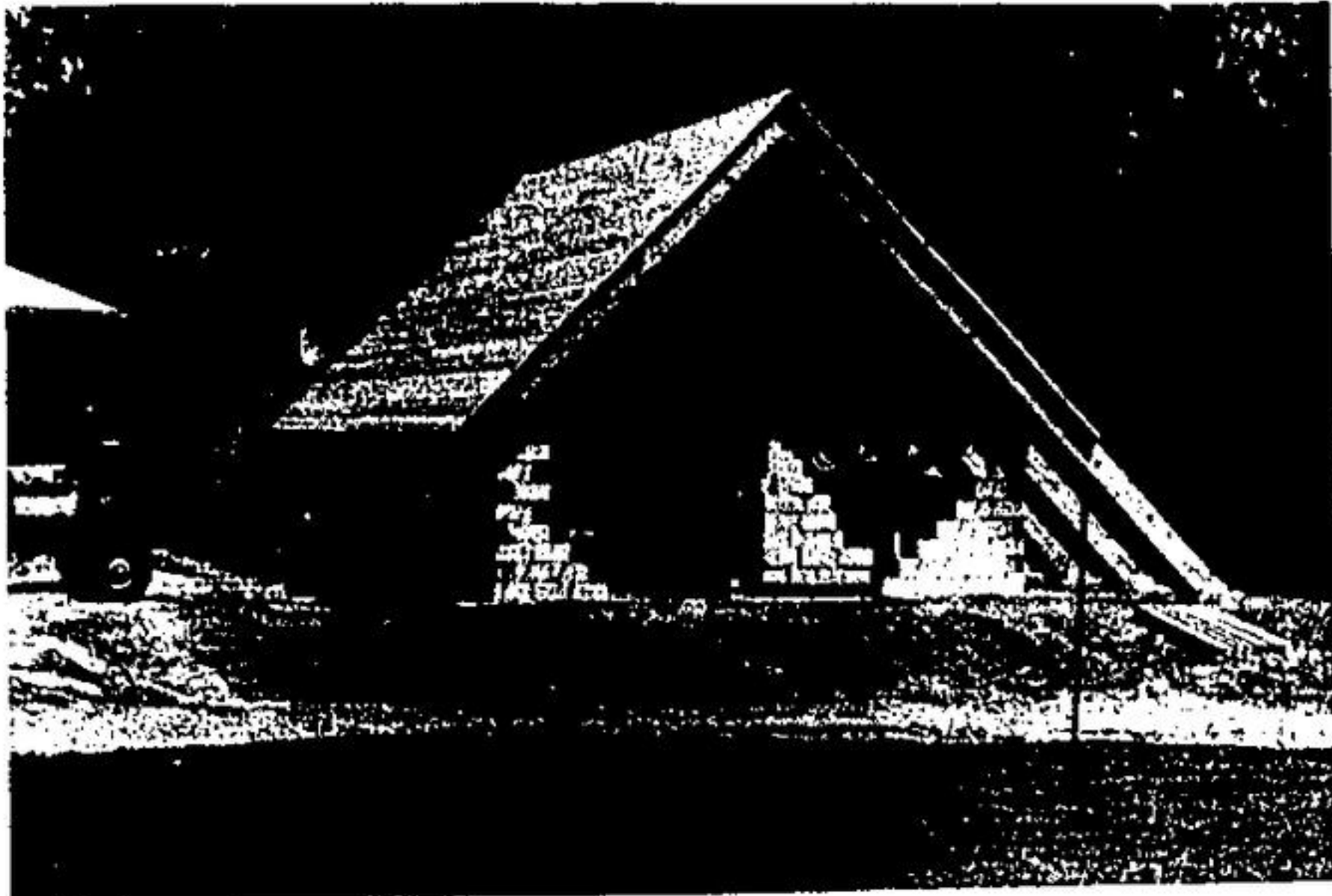
The Grey County Corridor Committee, the citizens group opposed to the corridor in the northern section, has not set a final position, Mr. Fallis said.



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**Recreation**

## More facilities now than needed by 2001

By the turn of the century, and a population of 50,000, Halton Hills should have two arenas, according to Halton planning projections. However, there are already three arenas.

Similarly, the report on Halton's future, presented at a public planning meeting, Thursday night, states there should be one indoor pool for

50,000 people, but the town has two, one in Acton, and one in Georgetown.

The statistics on recreational facilities is based purely on population figures and does not take into account the spread-out nature of Halton Hills.

By 2001, the report projects two public squash courts, two fitness centres and two sports

boxes, none of which the town has at present.

It calls for two regulation football fields, there is now one; two regulation soccer fields, there are now three; ten floodlit baseball diamonds, there are now five and one outdoor pool, which is the present number.

The town has one more tennis court now, than is projected for the year 2001.

There are 11 courts now, and 10 is the number recommended for a population of 50,000.

Unlit softball diamonds right now are more than double the number called for by 2001. There are 34 unlit ball fields throughout the whole of Halton Hills, while the report Neighborhood playgrounds

also exceed the number called for with a 50,000 population. There are 12 at present, and the report calls for 10.

There are 12 neighborhood playgrounds now, while 10 is the number recommended.

Neighborhood outdoor rinks now number seven, with 10 recommended for a 50,000 population.

Soccer fields Unlit regulation soccer fields now number three, while 10 are called for at the end of the century.

There are three unlit, non-regulation size soccer fields at present, and ten are recommended.

The report suggests 10 wading pools, and at present there is only one.

# Consider changes

Whatever Halton Regional Council eventually does with the regional road system it should take a course that will prevent future duplication between area and regional works crews and engineering staffs. At least that's the way Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis sees the situation.

But Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid told the Regional Public Works Committee that the two choices before the committee that would move towards reducing and preventing duplication were both politically unacceptable.

A staff report set out a number of alternatives that could handle the needs of the roads in the region. Originally eight alternate methods were considered but that was boiled down to three for the committee's consideration.

One system would see control of all roads at the region and a second would see control of all roads at the area council level. Reid said he anticipated both being politically unacceptable.

If regional roads were

returned to the area level the two northern communities would suffer because most of the regional roads are in the northern part of the region and the cost is shared by the whole region.

Reid suggested that a third proposal would see road authorities at both levels as probably the most palatable politically but he felt it would do the least to reduce or eliminate duplication.

No decision was made before the meeting held on Wednesday but the committee is expected to deal with the subject at a future meeting or meetings.

A consultant's report has recommended substantial increases in the regional road system.

Committee Chairman Jack Raftis is reluctant to have that system expanded because he feels the region will lose out on the grant system. Area municipalities are eligible for higher grants than the region is and Raftis feels the region would suffer unless the formula for grants is altered.



NO HARDENED CRIMINAL, THIS ONE. Denise Crooks is fingerprinted Monday afternoon as part of Police Week activities. Thumb printing will be done in Milton for the rest of the week. Sergeant Hilton described reaction to the promotional campaign as good. Constable Keith Woodstra booked Denise.

## Second homes on farms soon

Esqueusing farms may soon be able to have a second home on their property for hired help.

Once again Halton Hills planning board has been asked to allow construction of a second home on a rural lot so hired help will have a place to live.

Ernie Wilson, who has a farm between the Fourth and Fifth Lines south of Five Sidergate, wants to build a second house on his expanding farm for his family. He then wants to turn over his present home to his farm manager.

Planner Mario Venditti told planning board last Tuesday this is the sixth such request and while the town fully supports the idea of second homes on farms for hired help it is illegal under the Esqueusing Official Plan.

He announced the planning department has developed a policy and an official plan amendment to solve the problem and it will be presented to the next planning board meeting.

Venditti admitted even if council approves the policy and amendment this month it

will be at least another two months after that before it receives Ontario Municipal Board approval and could take longer if there are objections and a hearing is needed.

After the policy is examined at the next meeting, planning board will review all six applications for second homes as suggested by Councillor George Maltby and a way around the delay so the houses can be built, will be sought.

Met again Actonians for Action met again this week to plan their presentation on regional government.

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with one hundred prizes of \$10,000 each, in addition to the regular draw with five chances at \$100,000 and more than 45,000 other smaller amounts.

The special hour long show will be broadcast live from

the arena, but the evening will begin at 7.30 with the entertainers. A three dollar admission charge includes a Wintario ticket.

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## Hospital needs by year 2001

Halton Hills should have 140 nursing home beds by the year 2001, when the projected population would be 50,000. At present there are 10 beds.

The number of active hospital beds should double by the end of the century rising from the present 70 to 140. There should be 20 psychiatric beds by that time. At present there are none.

The figures were included in the Halton Region Planning Department's forecast for Halton, revealed at a public meeting, Thursday night, in the meeting room at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Day care for 54 children is now available in Halton Hills and space for 150 is predicted by 2001.

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