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Essa route better

Ontario Hydro's proposed route through Halton Hills for 500kV hydro corridor is not the best, according to a consultant's report.

The report by Ken Slater, Slater Energy Consultants, says other routes proposed by the Interested Citizen's Group and other residents along the Bradley to Georgetown corridor "offer better over-all prospects."

Residents along the route between Bruce and Milton have spent nearly \$100,000 in court at hearings and meetings fighting the Hydro selected route which has been

approved by the Ministry of Energy.

They have maintained there are other routes which would be less costly not as environmentally damaging and would take up fewer acres of valuable agricultural land.

ICG members have said they want an independent study, as has been done on other routes, and are willing to abide by the results.

Slater's report says the route through Halton Hills isn't as good as a Bruce to Essa route promoted by the ICG.

He says most of Hydro's information is accurate and proper but there are two areas

where Hydro's studies and evaluation can be questioned.

Slater notes Hydro study is based on maximum generation at Bruce but wonders how often the plant will churn out the maximum amount of power it is designed for.

He said the second area where Hydro could be questioned was "the choice of possible but improbable contingency to consider in determining Post-Fault Transfer Capability." These factors have been ignored.



MEMBERS OF the Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society spent Friday gift wrapping presents for patients in Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto. Left to right, Cathy McGillivray, Marilyn Shean, Rena Arbic, Harriet Helwig, Susan Sale and Gloria Coats.

Council vetoes inquiry into livestock killing

There will be no inquiry by Halton Hills council into the ownership of dogs alleged to have killed sheep and poultry. Council voted against it Monday night.

Council could hold such an inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act, and determine whether they could or could not establish the ownership of the dogs and apportion damages.

A letter from the town solicitor pointed out the council's decision is not binding on a court, if it went that far.

Councillor Mike Armstrong maintained council would be wasting their time and the time of the people involved since council's decision means nothing in court.

Councillor Pat Patterson contended Minister of Agriculture William Newman was urging municipalities to become more involved with the control of predators. He warned a dog getting into a purebred flock of sheep and killing 15 could cost the town \$15,000.

Councillor George Maltby said at almost each meeting resolutions are passed to compensate someone for the loss of animals by dogs. He said the people who let their dogs run at large are not being charged, and as a result there is a hardship on the agricultural community. He urged the inquiry be held right in Halton Hills. He warned there would be many more such cases.

Councillor Pete Pomeroy agreed there would be more especially if council became involved in civil actions. "The lawyer says it won't hold water, anyway," he said.

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Maltby claimed council treated the claims too lightly, and stated the holding of the inquiry would show the farm community that council is trying to control the problem. He said it might also discourage farmers from arming themselves to protect their livestock. "They could shoot at something that may or may not be a dog."

He said if council is going to do nothing about the inquiry they should up the compensation to cover the nuisance value of calling the livestock evaluator and getting rid of the carcass of the animal.

He said an inquiry would make people think twice about letting their dogs run. He said most are not wild dogs, but someone's pet. "At least they'll make dog gone

sure their dogs are tied up."

Patterson stated, "As long as you let this crap go on you will never hold agriculture, and that's what most of it is designated in the Official Plan."

The motion to hold the inquiry was lost with Patterson, McKenzie, Biehn, Maltby, and Hill voting for it.

Carols
Members of Acton Citizens' Band will be carolling throughout the town tonight (Wednesday). They plan to leave the band hall about 7:30 and travel by bus. They'll hop out and play until their instruments freeze up—then get aboard and ride to another spot.

It's an annual musical treat for the town, planned by the 50 or so players.

Watson says councillors balk region on mileage

Milton Councillor Jim Watson feels Halton Region is being "bilked" into paying unnecessary mileage payments to members of regional council.

He told the region's administration committee Wednesday that he is preparing a study comparing the amount of mileage driven now to the amount driven in 1974.

Watson claimed the region is paying some members of council to attend meetings that they don't need to be at but attend out of their own interest.

"If they want to come down here on their own accord, fine, but they should pay for it themselves," he said.

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Planche said he was tired of the matter which keeps coming up time and time again. He said Watson or anyone else who is concerned should question specific accounts but stop beating bushes for witches.

Watson says his report will be due soon and will point out any apparent abuses of the mileage allowance. He claims there should be a maximum for each councillor—possibly \$1,000 per year.

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Third nuclear unit

A third 750-megawatt generator is coming on line at the Bruce Nuclear generating station on Lake Huron. The unit near Kincardine, started producing power last week.

The director of Ontario Hydro's design and development section William Morison, said the third unit has been licensed to run at its full electrical output.

The generating unit will be tested, first at 25 per cent of capacity, then at 50 per cent, Mr. Morison said. Testing will be quickened because of experience gained from the work on two earlier units.

Generation from the first two units, plus half the net power from the new unit will load existing transmission line out of the Bruce at their capacity of about 1,700 MW.

Ontario Hydro has pushed for construction of a 500 kV line out of the Bruce, through Halton Hills to Toronto. Construction of the line has started, however, opposition by the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) has snarled efforts to build the line. The ICG wants a four month review to consider taking power from the Bruce via Kitchener instead of going through this area.

The two lines were under consideration by Ontario Hydro years ago. Then the government decided Kitchener would be passed in favor of the Bradley-Georgetown route.

Hydro officials claim electricity subscribers will have to pay an extra \$500,000 to \$1-million per day for substitute power—coal or oil—if the line through Halton Hills is not completed a year from now.



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