

Hydro woos council on corridor

(Continued from Page 1) does not expect another line to go with the proposed north-south line "in the foreseeable future". Collins later volunteered a "I think, yes" when Booth pressed project engineer Tony Jerschow about Hydro's willingness to pay the cost of

making Halton school buses safe if they become in danger underneath the lines. Councillors Russ Miller, Pat Patterson and Pete Pomeroy asked the question which seemed uppermost in council's mind: Why was the north-south corridor not given an independent study

like the east-west's Soland Commission report? Councillor Les Duby said "This council has continually supported the ICG, but it appears to me it's an understood fact from the beginning... (the corridor) was going to be this way regardless of the opposition".

"I find this is very unusual. I'm not sure why this exercise is being performed", Pomeroy told Hydro's Patriquin. Why would Hydro send you in here when you can't answer our questions? Later Pomeroy said the exercise "seems an irresponsible way to carry out public relations".

Councillor Duby said it was news to him that Ontario Hydro would buy whole farms which are severely affected by corridors. When questioned about the truth contained in a Toronto Star story of February 29, Hydro representative Gord Laschinger used the words

"largely no". He also said Hydro refuted the story but "They (The Star) have not printed our side", Laschinger said.

Dragstrip plan to OMB

With the last two objections withdrawn, Lyncean Investments, plan for a subdivision of estate homes on the former dragstrip land, was forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board by Halton Hills council, Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Margolis and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Steen withdrew their objections after Murray Gruson of Lyncean Investments agreed to build a wooden fence to give privacy to their property.

Town cuts one job

The town will eliminate one job on the swimming pool staff. Until now there has been a full time pool manager at each indoor pool, but now there will be one position, known as the Supervisor of Aquatics, looking after both pools and all aquatic activities. This job will be classed as supervisory and will have a monthly car allowance of \$60 attached.

Welcome

The first robins and the first crocuses made their appearance the past week or so. The robins are fat and happy.

Give town jobs to local students—Miller

Local students should be given preference for town summer jobs, Halton Hills finance committee suggested this week. The consensus appeared during discussion on the town's plans to hire 15 students in the works department and four in the engineering Department this summer.

The salaries recommended by the finance committee are \$3.75 an hour in the works department and \$4.15 an hour for a first year university engineering student, \$4.30 for second year and \$4.45 for third year student.

Deputy Engineer Ted Ballinger said the engineering students from University of Waterloo were already hired. He said they used Waterloo because the work term is part of the course of study. Committee chairman Russ Miller asked why local Grade 13 students could not be used in the engineering office rather than first year university students. "I have a hundred people ask me for summer jobs with the town."

The deputy engineer said the works department hires local students usually from Grade 11 up, but the engineering department prefers engineering students since it's a benefit to both the town and the student.

Councillor Peter Morris asked what the first year university students are going

to do that a Grade 13 student couldn't do. Ballinger said primarily they would do surveying, and learning how to use the instruments. Morris said holding the rod is not difficult. He also asked if community college students had been considered. He said local students should be given every opportunity. The committee accepted the salary recommendations and suggested the hiring policies be reviewed, giving preference to local students.

Cut bldg. delay

If all zoning requirements, set backs and other approvals are obtained, a contractor can build up to 24 apartments or townhouses without coming back to council, it was decided Monday night.

The introduction of Section 35A of the Planning Act had prevented a building permit being issued by the building inspector, even if every requirement for the particular zoning was correct.

No town money for I.C.G. legal fees

There will be no direct financial help from the town for the Halton Hills Interested Citizens Group in their battle with Ontario Hydro, if council agrees with the finance-administration committee. Walter Scott, spokesman for the I.C.G., suggested a contribution of \$1,500 from the town to help pay legal costs, would be an appropriate amount. Councillor Roy Booth pointed out the town is already supporting the group by paying legal costs and staff time for any hearings in the past or in the future. He warned it would be setting a

precedent where any other groups fighting a decision they did not like could ask for money from the town. Mr. Scott claimed the hydro corridor is no benefit to this area, with the power primarily intended for export. He claimed the town could lose assessment by the land values being lowered. He said the group has \$25,000 legal fees owing at present, and have only a bank balance of \$2,250. He explained they are planning a large auction sale of antiques, furniture, farm equipment and some farm produce such as bales of hay, April 8, to boost their funds.

Mr. Scott pointed out there would be costs to the town if the corridor went through, and cited the shielding of school buses so the electrical system would not be affected, if a bus had to stop for any length of time under the lines. Councillor Walter Biehn asked what percentage of land owners belonged to the I.C.G. Mr. Scott replied the majority of resident owners belong but the non-resident owners do not. Councillor Pat Patterson urged the committee to back the I.C.G. with \$1,500. "At one time council gave this group

\$1,500, and if it was the right thing to do then, it is the right thing to do now". He said the group is fighting a fantastic battle to keep a 550KV line from going through prime agricultural land, and claimed farmers cannot farm under it. "It's time we supported Esqueping, all I hear is support for the urban areas. I think the folks in the country deserve some."

Booth claimed he had received calls from rural people asking why they were "sticking their nose in this." Patterson retorted, "I've received calls asking what the farmers get for their taxes. If you don't have farmers you have nothing. The farmer doesn't use the tennis courts, or a new library, or all the things Acton and Georgetown have to have."



CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY FLAG goes up last week to signify the start of a new fund raising campaign. Committee chairman Arlie White raises the flag while Mariynn Shean, Susan Kuechler, Jayne Telford, Wes Beatty and Gloria Coats watch.

Councillor Peter Marks contended the roads budget shows the rural areas are getting their fair share, and pointed out many rural residents use the recreation facilities and the library. He said donations from the people directly involved total \$3,500, plus the articles donated for an auction, and wondered how broad a base of support this shows.

Rob Parker nominated

Rob Parker, a former Acton resident, has won the Progressive-Conservative nomination in Eglington-Lawrence in Toronto. He had the nomination in Halton, but decided against it. Now a Toronto broadcaster and businessman, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Parker who lived in Acton for

many years. After Mr. Parker's retirement from Beardmore, the couple sold their home and moved to an apartment in Toronto. Rob Parker worked for some years in Newfoundland before returning to Toronto. The nomination meeting was last Thursday.

New library turned down

There will be no library in Cedarvale Park in Georgetown. The Ontario Municipal Board ruled it out in their decision handed down Thursday.

The board confirmed its previous order approving the money to add to the existing library on Church Street in Georgetown.

Betty Fisher and John Ferguson, who made the application to the board to stop the building on the two acre parcel of land in the park, were gratified by the result.

Mrs. Fisher said she hoped the renovations and alterations would go ahead as planned, and Paul Martel the architect who drew up the

plans for the addition to the old library, be given the job, since he is most familiar with the building and money has been spent on his drawings.

lawyer Bert Arnold who fought and won the uphill battle. Dick Howitt, chairman of Halton Hills Library and said he was disappointed and he didn't think the decision is right. "But we're bound by it and have to live with it."

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