



HALTON REGIONAL POLICE estimate \$450 in damages to Prospect Park was done by vandals who first stole a 1964 Ford tractor from the parking lot of the Dominion Hotel sometime last Thursday or Friday. Picnic tables, a chain gate, a garbage tin, two trees and sod were damaged. Police also put the damage to the tractor at about \$400.

Baetz corrects view of ICG

Ontario Energy Minister Reuben Baetz painted a battle scene for the Legislature this week with the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) fighting Ontario Hydro. This version replaces the more peaceful picture Baetz drew earlier.

Baetz told the House Monday he learned the ICG will continue to oppose the Bruce-Milton hydro corridor. "I am, of course, disappointed to hear this," Baetz said. This latest information will not change the ministry's decision to proceed with the present route, Baetz continued.

In a March 16 debate at Queen's Park Baetz told Julian Reed, (L-Halton-Burlington) the ICG would say it has to accept reality and also that the citizens' group agrees "that the line going as it now will be going was in fact the best of all alternative routes".

In correcting the House's view of the ICG's position with respect to the 500 kV Ontario Hydro corridor, Baetz said he had heard little from the group in six weeks.

ICG reaction to the energy minister's statement about an agreement ranged from anger to laughter.

ICG chairman Bill Mann, of Osprings, teleaxed Baetz Thursday to state he is "appalled to hear that you had made the statement in the House that the ICG agreed with your decision of proceeding with the 500 kV line from Colbeck to Limehouse".

Mann stated the citizens' group, which has opposed construction of the Ontario Hydro corridor for nearly five years, has never agreed with any such decision. The ICG will continue to oppose the line, Mann stated to the minister.

Mann, who recently returned from a long business trip, also demanded an immediate retraction of the statement by Baetz in the House and to the press.

MPP Reed was unable to get a reaction from Baetz Thursday in the House. Friday the energy minister was absent. Reed said Monday. On Monday, however, the minister made his statement.

Baetz told the House he made the statement "in order to correct any contrary impression my (previous) response may have created".

An ICG meeting Thursday broke out into laughter at the suggestion it accepted the positioning of the controversial line.

Ontario Hydro's line would take power from the Bruce nuclear generating station on Lake Huron on a south-east course through Erin Township and down the centre of Halton Hills to Milton Station where it would hook up with another 500 kV line that stretches east-west.

In Halton Hills the north-south line is planned by Hydro to go between the Fourth and F.V.J. Lines, across Highway 7 to cross the Niagara Escarpment at Limehouse.

On the legal front, the ICG has filed all its appeal books concerning expropriation hearing officer Donald Meyrick's decision on the Halton Hills section of the line. The appeal books of the hearing officer's decision

about the Erin and area portion of the line, have also been filed, according to ICG lawyer Dick Howitt, of Georgetown.

Howitt said Ontario Hydro lawyer Tom Marshall will ask the chief justice for a date so that both cases may be heard



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS were called to a grass fire on Highway 7 just west of town near the First Line last Wednesday afternoon. It was only the second such fire in a season which ranks high for that kind of blaze.

at the same time. Howitt said he was agreeable to such a hearing because the arguments concerning both sections will mainly be the same and also because the step may cut legal costs.

About 50 ICG members met Thursday to work out a strategy on how to handle Ontario Hydro concerning land rights.

Halton Hills, millions of which could be saved by taking a shorter, less environmentally sensitive route to Essa, near Camp Borden, from the Bruce nuclear station.

The Ontario Government has repeatedly turned down proposals for an independent study, citing lack of time for the past four years. It is estimated a study would take a year.

No payment until withdraws from ICG

Ontario Hydro is arousing the ire of district landowners along the route of the proposed Bruce to Milton hydro transmission corridor by demanding withdrawal from the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) before paying for land.

The ICG is fighting the proposed 500 kV corridor, asking for an independent study.

Marie Anderson, who owns part of the northeast half of Lot 6, Erin Township, has sent Ontario Hydro a lawyer's letter demanding 100 per cent payment for land as per an agreement settled in November of last year.

She says representatives of Hydro told her she would receive no payment until she withdrew from the Interested Citizens Group.

Gordon Chapman, an Acton lawyer, has been retained and in a letter to Ontario Hydro's Acton office, noted that offers made under the Expropriations Act must be unconditional and demanding payment.

John Schneider, a co-chairman of the ICG, says this is not the first time Hydro has tried to damage their group with such tactics. He advises land owners along the route of the proposed corridor to di-

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New board for clinic

Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic elected a new board of directors, at Wednesday night's public meeting, with all nominations made from the floor.

The board of directors, for the year ending March 31, 1979, are Reg Benoit, Ralph Ursel, Peter Oprica, Morley Mills, Johan McMillan, Anne Currie, and Rev. Peter Barrow, all from Georgetown, John Bew and Terry Grubbe from Acton.



NEWLY ELECTED executive of Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic are from left, rear Morley Mills, Johan McMillan, Peter Oprica, front, Ralph Ursel, John Bew, Terry Grubbe, and Reg Benoit. Missing from the picture are Rev. Peter Barrow, and Anne Currie.

\$75,859 bill for insurance

The town's insurance bill for this year is \$75,859, an increase of four per cent over last year.

Insurance on Acton town hall has been reduced from \$150,000 to \$50,000 since it has been declared unsafe for occupancy.

Councillor Peter Marks asked how much the value would be rated as an historical site.

Hank Roy, of Frank Cowan Co. Ltd., said the company only looks at physical replacement.

Region bans some types of refuse

Halton region is becoming pretty particular about what ends up in the dump.

Monday Halton Hills council learned items like lumber, cement, asphalt and other used building materials won't be accepted by the region at Georgetown landfill site in the future.

Mayor Tom Hill brought the bad news noting the engineer received a letter outlining new refuse guidelines Tuesday and will bring the problem to next Monday's Halton Hills works committee meeting.

Hill said he doesn't know where the region expects people to dispose of materials like those he mentioned.

Councillor George Maltby suggested the town better find out pretty quickly where materials from demolished buildings are supposed to go.

Councillor Les Dudy said he has received some calls from residents regarding this problem already. They were turned away at the dump. He said it was an example of poor communications by the region.

Hill agreed and thought the region should consider paying for notices in Halton papers announcing the new rules.

He added the whole subject will be thoroughly aired at works committee Monday.

Flowers of Hope campaign set

The annual Flowers of Hope campaign from May 14 to May 20 is now being organized. There will be a mailing as well as door-to-door canvassing in the three North Halton towns of Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

In appreciation, donors receive again this year a packet of giant marigold seeds.

Place mats will be going out in district restaurants and book markers will be available in the libraries.

Service folders will be distributed for the mimeographing of church services. The folders also include a special prayer for Mother's Day, as the Flowers of Hope campaign begins on the same day.

Arrangements will be made for one bank in each town to take donations as well.

On the last night of the annual drive, those involved will have a happy evening together at Acton Legion. The Legion has given them 100 tickets free of charge, for resale.

Wants info on tenders

All councillors will have a list of all tenders, including those disqualified, as a result of a beef by Councillor Peter Morris.

He said unless councillors are at the tender opening, which is done in the day time usually, they don't know what the bids were, how many, and if the lowest has been accepted.

He told Halton Hills finance committee he simply wanted an outline of the bids, before being asked to vote on them.

Deputy Clerk Delmar French said that is the policy set, but on the occasion to which Morris was referring it had been overlooked, because the tenders had closed at noon on the same day the council meeting was held. "But in future we'll make sure every councillor has the information."

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