



DURING THE RECENT postal dispute Acton trucks remained on the road doing their job. The trucks in town are privately owned and the postal pick-ups contracted out. Acton pick-ups from Toronto were light during the strike.

Mail cut by striking truckers

Acton Post Office experienced few problems during the recent mail service couriers' dispute which ended late Monday evening. According to Acton postmaster Gord McKeown, mail service in Acton ran normally during the strike with pick-ups from Toronto reported to be lighter than usual.

Legal error causes delay . . .

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being built?" said Steele. Hydro lawyer Parkinson called the injunction a red herring. Ontario Hydro is not breaching the bylaw, he contended.

Ontario Hydro has cut trees to have access to the land it owns or has a right to, said Parkinson. There has been no work of any kind in Halton Hills since the middle of June, he said.

He continued by stating some people had been in the corridor to check for archaeological sites and artifacts that need special care.

Then referring to the recent ministry of housing decision, Parkinson told all that Ontario Hydro has the right to construct about four miles of towers within Halton Hills. The housing ministry turned over a Niagara

Escarpment Commission decision which directed Ontario Hydro to acquire permission from the town before the NEC would issue a permit. The decision, made in July, calls for the dropping of the NEC condition and for the commission to issue a permit to hydro.

Halton Regional lawyer Dennis Perlin also fell in line with the calls for an adjournment, though he did not make a motion for a postponement. Perlin went after the issue of urgency.

Hydro is trying to get some power from the Bruce out through a stopgap measure of lines going from Orangeville to Essa, near Lake Simcoe, and Kitchener. "They (Ontario Hydro) have provided the Board with an opportunity to grant an adjournment," said Perlin.

It was Parkinson who asked for an adjournment, concern-

ing the north-south portion of the line, when the OMB was hearing arguments concerning the east-west line, short sections of which pass through Halton Hills.

Perlin said he wanted Jarvis to have full opportunity to be prepared so no one can complain he did not have the chance to get ready.

The OMB last year ruled in Ontario Hydro's favor regarding the east-west route through Halton Hills. The short sections, near Highway 401, are part of the 500 kV line from Nanticoke to Pickering.

Alex Collins, Ontario Hydro supervisor for the Bruce-Milton project said the Bruce plant is tied into several 230 kV lines, but that electricity from coal-fired plants must also be used. That step will cost the province between \$7,000 and \$10,000 an hour more than if the nuclear plant was going at full capacity.



VIC BRISTOW is one of the post office employees wearing the new "I am proud to work for Canada Post" button. The buttons were distributed by Canada Post to the offices and given to both inside workers and letter carriers to wear.

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Area students mark articles

Operation Identification has hit Acton. Several high school, college and university students from the area have been hired by the Halton Regional Police to visit homes and mark social insurance numbers or other identifying marks on personal items.

About 1,200 homes were marked in Georgetown by the students since the inception of the program in June. Also, according to operation co-ordinator John Clark, bicycles have been marked both at schools and at playgrounds and summer camps in Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

The group started their surge of Acton yesterday (Tuesday) and hope to be finished within two weeks. They will then take their program to Milton. The students will be going door to door, but if residents are not home when they call and wish this tree service, they can get in touch with John at 877-0966, or at the police station.

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Stalemate over water

Halton Regional Council is morally bound to provide a domestic water supply to all Halton residents on the municipal water system at the same price according to Halton's chief administrative officer Ernie Reid.

Reid told both the Administration and Public Works Committees Wednesday that the region was eligible for a grant of approximately \$900,000 or \$1,000,000 to cover costs of the transition. But the grants expire at the end of this year and if the new system is implemented after Dec. 31 it will have to be done exclusively at the region's expense.

He said it would be cheaper, easier to operate and more efficient if it were operated as one system with common rates instead of five systems with different billings and varying costs to the consumer.

He said the new system would allow major expenditures to be made where the greatest need existed in spite of the revenue base.

White Reid and Treasurer Don Farmer hardly endorsed a move to common water rates several councillors bucked at the move.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett questioned Reid's suggestion that the region is morally bound to provide the service at the same cost to everyone in the region. He suggested Reid had his morals mixed up and argued that there is nothing morally right about taking money from some people to pay for a service for others.

Councillor Jim Watson questioned whether or not the service would really be cheaper or more efficient as one than five operations. All four area councils had favored increased rates to cover increased costs but only Halton Hills Council voted in favor of the move towards uniform rates.

Acton is deemed to be the major benefactor under the new move. Regional officials claim that major expenditures will be required to bring the Acton water system up to

the proper standard. Watson said Acton's system had fallen behind because the town had not given the system the proper attention. "You can't have a free ride forever," he said.

Both Watson and Milton's Public Works Member Jim Kerr said they preferred to stick with the chargeback system because they feared the town would lose control of its destiny otherwise.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow made an emotional appeal to both committees urging councillors to take on a regional view of the

situation and abandon what he called parochial pettiness. He said no one objected to sharing costs of the day care, welfare, roads or general administration but oppose the same principle when it comes to water and sewers. Oakville Councillor Gord Itende said he felt once the

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Hydro gains foothold for towers in Halton

Halton Hills is not Hydro proof.

Ontario Hydro has received the go ahead to erect transmission towers for its controversial 500 kV north-south power corridor along a four mile stretch inside Halton Hills.

Ontario Housing Minister Claude Bennett late last month directed the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to issue a provincial permit to the provincial utility. The housing minister's decision lets Ontario Hydro build on NEC controlled land in Halton Hills.

Bennett's decision shortens the distance Hydro needs to gain permission for construction of the line to eight miles. The 230-foot wide corridor is planned to be 12 miles long, down the centre of Halton Hills' countryside.

Word of the housing minister's decision came during Monday's Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing at Georgetown where the old Esqueping township official plan and bylaw are being tested.

If Ontario Hydro wins the OMB fight, only the provincial cabinet can keep the lines out of Halton Hills. Cabinet this year reconfirmed its opinion that the line, which starts at the Bruce nuclear generator on Lake Huron, and is to end near Milton, should go through the town.

Housing Minister Bennett's decision is based on recommendations from

hearing officer John Duncan who listened to arguments from the town, Hydro, the NEC and Ron Lister, of the 4th Line, at Milton in June.

Ontario Hydro tried some time ago to get a development permit from the NEC. The

commission listed 14 conditions for the provincial provincial utility to meet before receiving a permit. One of the conditions, the 14th, required Ontario Hydro to gain approval from Halton Hills, a stubborn opponent of the corridor.

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