

Morrow asks...

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Commission report should not and cannot be used as authority for a Halton Hills route since the proper north-south route was not part of the original terms of reference of the Solandt Commission. Second, the option chosen by BHI, the environmental group appointed by the government to assist Solandt, was not finally chosen by Solandt. If the BHI option had been pursued then the corridor would not be going through Halton Hills. And finally electrical demand and consumption has changed since Solandt did his report.

The letter also points out that the ministry received a report on the Bradley to Milton transmission corridor which clearly indicated that from a system approach the corridor should not go through Halton Hills at all if the power consumer is to get full value from the investment in power generation and equipment proposed for the southwestern part of the province.

The letter points out the Government has adopted as principle the multiple use of utility corridors such as the Parkway Belt and suggests it could uphold its policy by winning existing corridors along 401 Highway from Kitchener to Milton and by utilizing the existing corridor from Bellwood Junction to Kitchener. Then the letter asks since the Bellwood Junction to Kitchener connection has been completed why it could not be permanent and upgraded to 500 kV instead of forging a new corridor through "virgin territory such as Halton Hills."

The letter suggests the Slater Report provides a much more secure system using the three transmission corridor alternative. "Further we wonder if the security of the system is really the paramount concern," the letter states, "when all of the power north-south, east-west is to be fed into one sub-station in Milton."

"While we know the line from Bruce to Colbeck has been completed, that still will not prevent the use of the Essa alternative by connecting the line from Colbeck to Essa which I understand can be done very easily, or in the alternative the Kitchener-401 route is still available."

"I note that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing has been scheduled for early January but I am also informed that an application for prohibition to prevent the Ontario Municipal Board from hearing the matter has already been filed by the Town of Halton Hills. Further, motions will be brought to the Ontario Municipal Board to adjourn the OMB hearing pending the outcome in the courts of the application for prohibition. Even if the hearing goes on as scheduled, the decision finally made by the Ontario Municipal Board will probably be petitioned to the Cabinet and/or matters may be taken to the Courts. Thus, timing-wise, there still could be a great time period before this Official Plan and zoning by-law matter is finalized."

"I sincerely believe that your agreement to independent study is all the citizens are really after and if same is ordered, then in the long run the time period required by Hydro to finalize its transmission corridor from Bruce will indeed be shortened," Morrow concluded.

"In summary then, I would respectfully request you to permit one last independent study of this particular issue. This will greatly assist the citizens of the Region of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills to be able to rest assured, whether they agree with the final results of that study or not, that indeed there has been a full and final study with an examination of all alternatives," the letter continued.



Acton Firefighter chief Mick Holmes investigates the blaze at the Friends Mushroom Company Limited plant on Highway 25 at 2 a.m. Friday. Damage in the fire was estimated to be \$10,000. The entire crop was lost.

No. 7 and 6th Line OMB turns down recreational area

A plan to set up a recreational area with snowmobile trails, go-kart track, chalets, cabins, cricket pitch, tennis and squash courts, chapel and community building, at Highway 7 and the Sixth Line has been rejected by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The proposal was turned down by Halton Land Division Committee, but the owners Mr. and Mrs. V. Hegedus appealed the decision.

The OMB in their ruling, upholding the Land Division Committee's decision, said the proposal conflicted with Esqueing Official Plan and would contribute to further strip development.

In a report prepared by town planning staff, it was explained Hegedus has applied for six severances in the past, and been granted three.

This latest application would have severed 25 acres from 59 acres of bushland. The severed portion was scheduled for recreation purposes and the retained portion would have been commercial. The total holdings cover 84 acres, with a single family residence and greenhouse on Highway 7 and another house and barn in the centre of the property.

At home Local man arrested in RCMP drug raid

An Acton man is one of four scheduled for a bail hearing tomorrow in connection with a \$7 million drug smuggling ring.

Geoffrey Earl Dubois, 33, of Acton, will have a bail hearing at Brampton Provincial Court. He and Norman William Hunt, 36, of Bellwood, are charged with conspiracy to import narcotics for the purpose of trafficking, conspiracy to traffic in a narcotic drug, trafficking in a narcotic and conspiracy to traffic in a narcotic.

RCMP officers arrested Dubois at his home at about 5:45 a.m. Friday. Nothing was found at the time of the

search, according to RCMP Sgt. Lee McKergow of the Mississauga detachment. Police are reluctant to release Dubois' address because of fears for his young children.

Cocaine and speed valued at more than \$7 million were seized elsewhere and six people arrested during the Friday raids which ended a four-month-long undercover investigation.

The investigation involved RCMP, Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Also going into tomorrow's bail hearing are David Reginald Knake, 36, of

Cheltenham and Antonio Jesus Quiceno, 35, of Toronto. A detaining order was held against John Robin Swackhammer, 28, of Cheltenham during his bail hearing Monday. He is still in jail. The last man, Jairo Antonio Velasquez, 32, of Toronto, could not raise the \$10,000 bail set during his hearing which was also on Monday.

The ring is alleged to have connections in Brazil where three kilos, 6.6 pounds, of cocaine were seized. It was bound for Ontario.

According to Sgt. McKergow, Dubois and Hunt have a business consultant business on John Street, Burlington.



Paul Neilsen presented Diane Mellon of Crescent St. with a \$50 cash voucher on behalf of the Acton Merchants. Diane's name was drawn out of the hundreds of entries. The first draw was won by Mrs. McHugh of Kingham Rd., a pensioner, who donated the money to the IODE in order that those less fortunate than she may take advantage of the money.

Faulty wiring cause of blaze

Faulty wiring is blamed in the \$10,000 blaze at the Friends Mushroom Company Limited, Highway 25, early Friday morning.

Halton Hills fire chief Mick Holmes said the fire was started in some insulation in the buildings loft about 2 a.m. Flames were spotted shooting from the roof by a passerby, he said, who called in the alarm.

Firefighters were on the scene for about three hours, awaiting the arrival of co-owners Kulvir Dhillon and Amerjit Johal, both of Brampton.

Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said the entire mushroom crop was destroyed after being exposed to the heat of the flames. Damage was confined to the roof and the loft area he said.

Hydro buy new car

Acton Hydro Electric Commission will purchase a compact car from L. and L. Ford for the use of meter readers.

At their monthly meeting last Thursday, the commission discussed renting a car, for transportation purposes to replace their old 1966 van.

After careful consideration, the men decided it was cheaper to buy a car than to lease it for three years with an option to buy.

The car will be white in color and have Acton Hydro Commission written on the side.



Here comes Santa Claus! Hope his pack is brimming with lots of good things for you and your family and friends.
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Obituary

Ethel Airdrie buried Dec. 5

Funeral services were held December 15 for Ethel Airdrie of R.R. 1, Acton, who died December 12 in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto following a lengthy illness.

Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiated at the funeral held at Shoemaker funeral home. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Airdrie was born September 4, 1904 in Montreal, daughter of David and Euphemia Kirk, from Scotland. On December 19, 1925, she wed John Airdrie in the Welland area.

Palbearers were grandsons Garry Taillefer, Acton, Kelly Airdrie, Guelph, and Rob Townsend, Barrington, Nova Scotia, neighbors Doug Guthrie and Morris Courtney, and friend Jamie Mochrie.

Mrs. Airdrie was a loving mother and grandmother who attended Knox Presbyterian church faithfully until illness prevented it.

She is survived by her husband, John, R.R. 1, Acton, one daughter, Patricia Taillefer, R.R. 1, Acton, and one son John D. Airdrie, Guelph. She is also survived by sisters Margaret and Joyce Kirk, Betty Mallett, Lois Deveraux, all of Niagara Falls, and Jean Humphries, Ottawa, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Airdrie was predeceased by her parents, a stepmother Grace Kirk, seven brothers and one sister and one grandchild.

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Wagon left roadway

A station wagon was damaged on the left front and side when it left the First Line just south of Mill Street last week.

The vehicle, driven by Gordon Bollert R.R. 4 Esqueing, was southbound Friday evening when the mishap occurred. Halton Regional Police estimate damage to the vehicle to be \$500.

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