



Rick Pierce from Ontario Hydro and Frank Freeman discuss microwave towers in the area at the special drop-in Thursday night.

Full environmental assessment for tower

Ontario Hydro is moving the erection of a microwave communications tower in Erin Township from under the Class Environment Act to full environmental assessment.

This move will mean there will be more citizen involvement in the planning process, spokesperson Brenda Harris says.

She explained this was the big news out of the afternoon and evening drop-in information centre held at Hydro at Ospringe School Thursday.

Over 40 interested citizens attended the information centre to talk to Hydro personnel and inspect panels of

facts and study the provincial utility assembled in selecting a number of potential sites.

Mrs. Harris said that while Hydro favored one and then two of the sites previously, they now don't have a preferred site.

One change has been Bell is now willing to discuss with the Hydro allowing the microwave tower to be built on their own tower site on the Seventh Line.

She concluded the information centre sessions produced names to several residents willing to sit on a committee to assist Hydro in finding a site for the microwave tower.

Town to negotiate lease

The town is going to ask Halton Region Police if they want to continue renting space in the YMCA building on Mill St. East and pay more rent before negotiating a new lease for the municipal offices with the Y board.

The police sublease their offices from the town which rents both the police and Halton Hills office from the Y.

The existing lease expires this September and currently the town pays \$3.36 a square foot or \$360 a month. The Y board is seeking an increase to \$5.14 a square foot or \$550 a month.

A staff report states rents in Acton for office space run from \$4.84 to \$5.40 a square foot without utilities and \$6.30 to \$12 a square foot with utilities so the Y demands seem reasonable.

The present lease also requires the taxes on the whole Y building be reimbursed except for the taxes on the

apartment upstairs.

The town rents 1,283 square feet and subleases 782 square feet to the police. The lease runs five years and so will the new lease.

Staff also wants to negotiate a termination option in the new lease requiring notice by either party of just 180 days. Currently there is no termination option.

Councillor Harry Levy called the new rent proposal exorbitant.

He was also concerned the town have an option to renew the lease after the next five years term, subject to rent increase. Clerk-administrator said this provision would be part of the next lease, as it is with the present lease.

Councillor Dave Whiting said he appreciated Levy's concern for assuring municipal office space in Acton since it is clear there won't be town office space in the town hall.

Tough new rules for pinball arcades

Halton Hills is bringing in tough regulations to govern pinball arcades, places which have five or more pinball or video machines. Location, hours of operation, age of players etc. are all covered in the draft bylaw approved by general committee Monday.

However, the new regulations may not apply to an arcade on the east side of Acton.

The new regulations won't apply to any arcade now operating. Existing operations can't add machines without then having to comply with the new rules.

The Acton arcade went to Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment earlier this year for rezoning to permit operation in an old gas station after owners discovered they were operating illegally.

Despite hearing complaints from a school principal, the minister of a nearby church and a parents group, Committee of Adjustment approved the arcade, but council objected and the matter will be the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.



Andrea Gospill looks through a microscope at egg pieces in her experiment at the Brookville school science fair last week.



Scott Gardiner built a radar at the Brookville school science fair.



Brenda Mathies ran experiments with the Rubik's Cube at the Brookville school science fair last week.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson said if the arcade owners win their case at the OMB then the town's new regulations won't apply to that operation since the owners had applied for a licence prior to new rules being enacted.

The yearly licence fee for arcades is \$300 and places with less than five machines pay \$10 per machine.

New arcades must be in a commercial zoned area and no closer than 300 metres to any residential or

school property. Persons under 16 won't be allowed in arcades between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days and must be accompanied by an adult after 6 p.m. evenings. Arcades can't be open Sundays and close Monday to Saturday at midnight and not open before 8 a.m. Owners must prevent excessive noise and loitering at arcades. Staff also suggested councillors consider requiring arcade owners to provide one parking spot off-street for every two machines.



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The March meeting of St. Alban's ACW was held in Luxton Hall on Wednesday, March 3 with 18 members present. The meeting opened with the Guild prayer, and Mrs. Pat Mitchell, first vice-president, in charge.

Since the February meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather, the minutes of the January meeting were read by Mabel Barkman, Secretary. Mrs. Marion Storey gave the treasurer's report, making note of a gift of \$500 from an anonymous donor; funds which would be used to help purchase new drapes for the Parish Hall.

Lorna Clarke gave a reading from the Living Message on Memories, and read an article regarding the desire of Rev. Laurie Dexter to take part in a Soviet expedition which would enable him to visit our northernmost parish in the vicinity of the North Pole. However, due to government red tape, he had not been granted permission to join the expedition.

Lorna suggested a feature of the May meet- (Continued on page 6)

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