

Report from Queen's Park



by Julian Reed

Hydro Rates

Hydro's proposed 9.1 per cent rate increase for 1985 will cost the average homeowner about \$50 next year, according to Liberal Leader David Peterson, who has accused the provincial government of acting without conscience in requiring workers to accept salary settlements below the inflation rate while allowing Hydro to propose a 9.1 per cent increase, after 7.8 per cent this year and 8.2 per cent in 1983.

The Minister of Energy has indicated that Hydro rate increases will be higher than inflation for at least the next two or three years. Hydro officials maintain that without the increase, which is about 4 percentage points above the predicted inflation rate for 1985, the corporation would be short some \$350 million which it needs for 1985.

The Minister has indicated that international lenders who have provided cash for the corporation's multibillion-dollar building campaigns would grow uneasy if Hydro were forced to borrow to meet operating expenses.

Police Boards

Quinte MPP Hugh O'Neill wants political "hacks" removed from Ontario police commissions, and replaced by strong independent people chosen by local municipalities. While he acknowledges that there is nothing wrong with commissioners having past political connections, he believes "if they are actively engaged in politics, like on the local Conservative executive, they should resign or be removed" because the position should be divorced from political interference.

Municipalities appoint three people to police commissions and the province appoints two, but Mr. O'Neill maintains all five should be chosen by the

municipality. "I think the minister is infiltrating the police commission of this province with political hacks", he said, "and I think it is very dangerous."

Funding For The Arts

Opposition Members questioned the Minister of Citizenship and Culture about the Macaulay Report which in essence states that the Minister is starving the arts and fattening her own bureaucracy.

She was asked how she could justify the sorry state of funding of the arts in Ontario when she is at the same time inflating her own information budget, which doubled last year to some \$2.4 million, although it is providing absolutely no productivity for artists and the arts.

The Macaulay Report maintained that the ministry could get the best value for its investment in the arts by exhibiting restraint in its own operation. It stated that the province contributes only 9 per cent of the actual expenditures on the arts, with the remainder coming from other levels of government. This is the lowest percentage for any province in Canada, and is in fact only 50 per cent of the average level.

A survey sponsored by the committee discovered that 53 per cent of the province is prepared to spend up to \$25 per person per annum more in this connection through taxation.

Hugh O'Neill cited the fact that Ontario's spending on the arts has declined by over 20 per cent since 1978/79 levels, and quoted from the Report "We believe that unless there are increases in the provincial subsidy to the arts, in part to correct the erosion caused by information, we could lose some of our most exciting talent and we will have squandered much of our sizeable investment."

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

RAISIN SAUCE

(for baked ham)

¼ cup seedless raisins
¼ cup brown sugar
1½ tbsp. flour
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1½ cups boiling water
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. lemon rind
1 tbsp. butter

Wash and cover raisins with extra boiling water. Soak 15 minutes. Blend dry ingredients. Add water and lemon juice gradually. Stir and simmer for 10 minutes. Add drained raisins and lemon rind. Add butter. Serve hot.

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TAURUS April 20-May 20

Patience and moderation are called for in these next few days. An old injury can be very aggravating.

GEMINI May 21-June 20

Affectional ties can become strained. You may have to make a choice—a special someone, or your public.

CANCER June 21-July 22

Home and business affairs may seem to conflict. Maintain a balance through your clever management.

LEO July 23-August 22

Keep the channels of communication open. An important bit of information comes to you. Be ready for it.

VIRGO August 23-September 22

You find it necessary to come to grips with a pressing personal issue. Some good news from afar brightens the picture.

LIBRA September 23-October 22

A difference of opinion causes friction between you and a partner. Forget about getting the last word in. Compromise.

SCORPIO October 23-November 21

Health matters continue to cause sensitivity with co-workers. Behind the scenes developments give rise to suspicion.

SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21

Social life is exciting but be prepared for a verbal explosion over a misunderstanding on the part of a dear one.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 19

Career responsibilities will keep you on the go. Change in plans cause you to adapt accordingly.

AQUARIUS January 20-February 18

Friends and family turn to you for some decision making. Don't expect things to run smoothly, but you understand what is needed.

PISCES February 19-March 20

There comes a day of reckoning. Demand an accounting of where all that money and time has gone.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING RECONSTRUCTION OF STEELES AVENUE SOUTH (REGIONAL ROAD NO. 8) FROM 9th LINE TO WINSTON CHURCHILL BOULEVARD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 301 of the Ontario Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 302 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on **May 23, 1984, at 1:30 p.m.** to pass a by-law for construction work on Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard within the following limits:

- 1) Reconstruction of Steeles Avenue from approximately 80 m west of 10th Line North to approximately 40 m west of Winston Churchill Boulevard.
- 2) Intersection improvements and widening at Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard within the following limits:
 - (a) On Steeles Avenue from Winston Churchill Boulevard to approximately 280 m east of Winston Churchill Boulevard.
 - (b) on Winston Churchill Boulevard from approximately 120 m north of Steeles Avenue to approximately 80 m south of Steeles Avenue.
 - (c) asphalt overlay and drainage improvements on Steeles Avenue from 20 m west of 9th Line South to 80 m west of 10th Line north.

The intersection improvements at Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard will include left turn lanes on Steeles Avenue and Winston Churchill Boulevard. Curb and gutter drainage will be provided within the limits of the intersection.

The remainder of Steeles Avenue will be constructed to rural standards with roadside ditch drainage.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Public Works Department offices, 2316 South Service Road West, Oakville, Ontario, or the North District Operations Centre, 1600 Steeles Avenue West, Milton, during normal business hours.

On **May 16, 1984, at 9:30 a.m.** in Committee Room No. 1 at the Regional Administration Building, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard to the Regional Clerk, no later than **May 11, 1984 at 4:30 p.m.**

DAVID J. VARLEY
REGIONAL CLERK

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Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller (centre) signs the proclamation signifying May as Red Shield Month for the Salvation Army. Left, Dr. David Vanden Bent and Captain Wilson Perrin (right) look on.