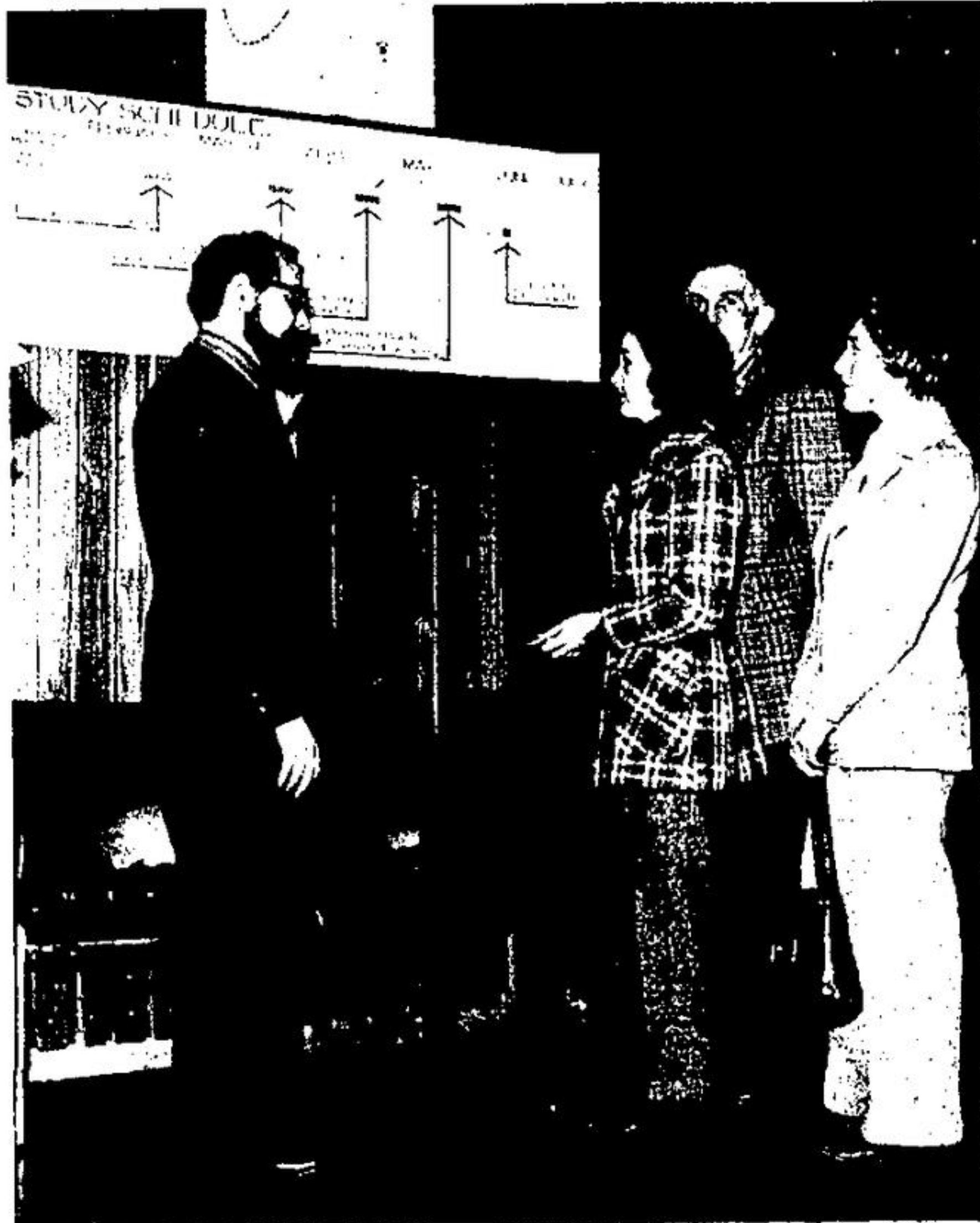


# Environmentally Sound Tower Trail Objective of Bruce Howlett's Study



Bruce Howlett chats with members of the Esqueusing study committee Mrs. H. J. Moulden, Hans Link and Mrs. L. R. Symmes.

The environmental study, being conducted by Bruce Howlett, environmental planning consultant, on the Ontario Hydro's high-voltage corridor from Nanticoke to Pickering, is a completely independent study. Dr. Omond Solandt told 150 gathered in Centennial school, Wednesday night. It is independent of both hydro and his commission, said Dr. Solandt.

The commissioner, who heads the one-man Solandt Commission appointed last year by the province, was speaking at the first open planning meeting being conducted by Bruce Howlett, for Peel, Halton, Wellington, and Dufferin Counties. Howlett emphasized the need for participation by the citizens by giving their opinions, volunteering knowledge of special places they feel should be avoided, and suggesting other locations and times for meetings if the present system was unsatisfactory.

**RESPONSIVE**  
Howlett explained that his primary objective was to locate a 610 foot wide corridor for Ontario Hydro's proposed three 500 kv towers, and two 250 kv towers from Middleport to Pickering, that is environmentally sound, responsive to public concerns, economically feasible, and in keeping with planning objectives.

He told the group, almost twice as large as attended meetings in Stouffville and Aurora, the two previous nights, that he was starting completely from the beginning, ignoring the hydro proposal, and would be collecting data until May.

In June he will hand over his alternate routes to the commission. If Solandt agrees with it, he will recommend it to the government.

There will be three more

meetings, such as this, he said, with the next one being scheduled for March 28. At that time, he will return with inventory maps showing all the relevant data needed to route the corridor, and also the result of questionnaire which has been sent to many households and municipal offices.

**10 CATEGORIES**  
Assisted by slides, Howlett explained the 10 different categories of maps, that they were preparing for the next spring. The maps will include a complete environment inventory.

These will include existing land use broken down into residential, commercial, industrial and open space, transportation land uses, future land use for the official plan for the 65 municipalities the corridor would cross; generalized land value per acre, natural resources and areas of scenic quality.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
A questionnaire is being distributed asking the public to rank the various factors in terms of their significance in locating transmission lines. These rankings will be applied to the inventories, and shaded overlay analysis maps will be prepared, with the highest ranking shown dark and lowest light. Theoretically the corridor should be located through the lightest area.

The meeting broke up into three discussion groups and asked questions of Howlett, Gail Ferguson and Tom Sparling, all members of Environmental Planning Consultants.

**LARGE MAP**  
No member of Georgetown council, planning board or Hydro Commission was present at the meeting. Councillors were hosts at a regional government meeting with Acton, Esqueusing and



Maps at public meeting in Centennial school.

you hear any noise at all, and then only if directly under them", he added.

He also said there would only be a two tower corridor right away, another tower added in perhaps 5 to 10 years, and the remaining two sometime after that.

**REDESIGN TOWERS**  
The Halton substation, called Georgetown on the hydro map, now rejected, would have covered 200 acres, said Anderson.

Howlett explained his group were meeting with the hydro to try to redesign the towers themselves, with a view to making them less visible.

When talking to The Herald after the meeting, Dr. Solandt, said the hydro were making an effort to conduct such studies themselves in the future, "so they come up with the right answer the first time around", he commented.

He said they were adding environmentalist and landscape architects to their own staff.

## Four New Members to Presbyterian Church Board

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The annual congregational meeting of Norval Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, January 29, in the church, following a pot-luck supper. Rev. Howard Smith was chairman and Mrs. Robert Carney acted as secretary.

Reports of the various church groups were given. The Y.P.S. sent the collection of \$61.36 from their Christmas Candlelight Service to the 'Home of Hope' operated by Mr. and Mrs. Duck near Milton. It is for deaf children who need special care. The C.O.C. sent \$20.00 to the Abbey Home in India.

Four new Members of the Board of Managers were elected, Art Davis, Hugh Clark, Jim Archdekin and Dixon Duff. Mrs. Robert Carney was re-

elected as treasurer. Robert McClure was added to the Cemetery Board and Mrs. Hugh Clark was appointed to the Manse committee in place of Mrs. Davis. The Missionary Budget of \$1750 for the year was adopted.

Mr. Sam McClure who had resigned as Sunday School Superintendent was extended a vote of thanks for his diligent and devoted work during the past five years. Mr. Robert Wakter was appointed the new superintendent.

It was decided to adopt the new Book of Praise and copies were ordered to be in use in the church in February.

New carpeting for the upstairs of the church was discussed and final plans were left with a committee.

Mrs. G. Grohe gave a demonstration of how to make ceramics at the regular monthly meeting of Unit Two of Norval United Church held on Wednesday evening February 7 at the home of Mrs. Betty Johnson. Members present enjoyed glazing figurines that are now ready to be baked in the special ovens.

Mrs. Anne Wilson presided for the meeting. Mrs. Jean Dunlop gave the devotional and Mrs. Ella Laidlaw and Mrs. Phyllis Moffatt assisted the hostess in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

—Mrs. Ed. McLean

## Dr. A. Coventry Built Trail At Terra Cotta

The loss of Dr. Allan F. Coventry, who died Sunday at his home in Mississauga, will be seriously felt by the members and staff of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. He designed and built the nature trail at the Terra Cotta

Conservation Area, naming the wildflowers and trees; helped with the long-term plan of development for the Limehouse Conservation Area to promote the protection of the Niagara Escarpment in this area and was available, in an advisory capacity, for all Authority projects.

Last year Dr. Coventry was invested with an Honorary Membership as a small gesture of respect from the members of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

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Chairman of Management Board of Cabinet

ALSO

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Light refreshments will be served following the meeting

At this meeting  
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