

# Determined North Halton Hydro Line Protesters Win Commitment

The determined people of North Halton took on Ontario Hydro Friday night and won a commitment from government-commissioned environmental planning consultants and Hydro officials to consider an alternate route which would keep a 500 KV electric power corridor off their territory.

The nearly 200 hostile residents were attending one in a series of open planning meetings Bruce Howlett Inc. (BHI) is holding in the communities through which the proposed routes would pass to canvass public opinion about which of four proposed routes they prefer.

Residents of North Halton weren't having any of it. Even before they walked into the Acton high school

auditorium to inspect multi-color maps of the proposed routes, they knew they didn't like the alternatives the planning consultants were offering. All the alternatives, except for one since abandoned by BHI because Hydro convinced them it would be an unacceptable security risk, tore through their land. People crowded around the maps which showed routes passing through their lots.

John Schneider, RR 2, Acton, led the offensive, refusing to accept the BHI alternatives. By the time he was finished, everybody was willing to study his alternative, a route which would bypass the controversial Halton-Georgetown link in favor of a Halton-Guelph route, which he proposed, could follow

Highway 401. The Halton-Guelph route would avoid densely populated areas, affecting many fewer people than the Halton-Georgetown route.

**NO CHOICE:** "As far as the people of Georgetown and Acton are concerned, the three choices that are left are nothing but a con job; they're no choice at all," he said in rejecting the BHI proposals. His arguments were supported by frequent outbursts of applause from his fellow citizens.

Planner Bruce Howlett agreed the proposal seemed feasible, so did BHI architect Tom Sparling and Hydro officials Ken McCliment and Art Mosher.

Mosher, representing Hydro's transportation and distribution department, maintained that it would be impossible to determine whether the route could be diverted to Guelph to meet a line from the Bruce Nuclear generating station until a study about the route the Bruce power line could take is completed. Even then, the proposal must be checked out environmentally and with the people of Guelph, he said. He did concede, however, that three double circuit tower lines along Highway 401 were a possibility.

But, merely accepting the Halton-Guelph proposal as a possibility wasn't enough. Mr. Schneider pointed out. How could people indicate their

preference for his alternative? he asked. One of the planners who helped draw up the route map questionnaire distributed at the open planning meetings suggested the audience write "new alternative" in reply to the question about which system they preferred.

Mr. Schneider angrily rejected that suggestion. "Why did we come here? Just to be told we can't do anything?" If that were the case, he concluded, the whole evening was "just a farce."

Once again, the citizens of North Halton backed him up with their applause.

Eventually Mr. Howlett announced that he would indicate the Schneider proposal as a new alternative to people attending future open planning

meetings and, if it appeared necessary, add a note to the questionnaires explaining that option.

Earlier, some people questioned whether the power corridor could not be accommodated in the province's proposed parkway belt corridor.

Mr. Howlett explained that he and his associates were caught in a bind. Hydro wanted to proceed as soon as possible, no later than by the end of August, making the end of August the target date for submission of his report to the Solandt Commission, the commission appointed to recommend a corridor route to the provincial government.

And, Leslie Brown of the regional planning branch of the

department of treasury and economics advised the audience that the government would be releasing further details on the parkway only this fall and would then be conducting public hearings before deciding its final form, too late to be considered by Mr. Howlett.

"We (BHI, Hydro, and the provincial government) are a little out of phase," he concluded.

**LOGICAL LOCATION**

Another resident insisted that "the parkway belt would be a logical location" from the standpoint of minimum disruption.

Several audience members questioned whether the corridor was really necessary

to serve Ontario's needs, suggesting it might be built to export power to the United States. Hydro denied the suggestion.

"I wonder why we need all this conglomeration. Are we not selling power to the United States?" asked Halton Warden Anne MacArthur in a forceful attack on Hydro. "Here we are, such a few people in such a beautiful land, and we're cluttering it up with hydro towers," she said.

Hydro's Ken McCliment said Hydro only sells surplus power to the United States to make a profit for the people of Ontario.

"These hydro lines are not for the United States," he told the audience. As for cluttering the countryside, Mr. McCliment said Hydro shares Mrs. MacArthur's concern about it.

Mrs. MacArthur and another woman in the audience also maintained that European public utilities manage to avoid using hydro towers. Mr. McCliment said that wasn't the case, and later quoted from the interim report of the Solandt Commission in which Mr. Solandt discounted as unsubstantiated similar observations made during commission public hearings last year.

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**STRAWBERRY DELIGHT** (Herald Photo)  
John Hoare and his wife make themselves comfortable under the old oak tree on the lawn of the Henderson home, at a Union Church strawberry social. Balancing the strawberries and ice cream seems no problem for the couple, who were part of a large number of persons who come back year after year to attend the social.

## Reallocate Drainage Funds To Roads and Tennis Court

The \$45,000 originally scheduled for engineering and drainage of the new landfill site on Armstrong Avenue will be reallocated to roads, and lighting of the tennis courts to be built in the Moore Park area, if a finance committee recommendation made Monday night is adopted by council.

The expense was included in this year's budget by the town but may be assumed by Halton county to be turned over to the regional government in January. In the event this move by Reeve Ric Morrow fails, the town has applied to the Ontario Municipal Board to debenture the cost, which would be shared by the region.

Reeve Morrow, chairman of the finance committee, suggested \$35,000 be allocated to works, and \$5,000 to the lighting of the Moore Park tennis courts. An additional \$5,000 would be kept to cover



**DOGGONE PROBLEM** (Herald Photo)  
The most popular spot at the Georgetown Market Centre sidewalk sale was easily won by two nine-week-old St. Bernard puppies in a shopping cart. Owner Jim Crossman thought it would be a good place to try to sell them because the mother, weighing 245 pounds, had a litter of nine. He said keeping 10 St. Bernards can be a bit much.

## POLICE BLOTTER

Police charged three young men from town this week after theft of two different licence plates and attached them to an unlicensed car. Chinguacousy police passed on the information to Georgetown police early Sunday morning.

Around 3 a.m. Sunday, a shopping cart was pushed through the window of Delrex Restaurant, and left in the gaping hole.

An unidentified driver backed his car into Mac's Milk store in Moore Park plaza. Saturday night, loosening bricks in the wall and bending the window frame. Police have a description of the car and driver, who left the scene.

At midnight Saturday night a prowler was reported on Byron Street.

Two men were charged with creating a disturbance, Saturday night, after a fight on Main Street.

Police arrested and charged a man with possession of narcotics, Saturday afternoon.

A charge of common assault was laid against two men outside a local pub.

Police are investigating the dumping of garbage outside the dump gates, when the gates were locked during the weekend.

A rash of fraudulent cheques has been reported by local merchants, and is being investigated by police.

After a high speed chase late Friday night, the driver of the car being chased by police was charged with dangerous driving.

A number of gas caps were stolen from cars in the Prince Charles Drive area, early Friday morning.

An attempted break and enter was discovered at Consumer's Gas warehouse at 37 Armstrong Ave., Friday morning.

A malicious vandal or an ardent flower lover, pulled all the flowers out of a garden on

## Two are Hurt In Collision

A head-on collision at 210 Sunday morning, sent a Georgetown woman and a Weston man to Toronto General Hospital with serious injuries.

Martha Vogllaender, 360 Delrex Blvd., suffered severe leg injuries when she was pinned in her car. A tow truck had to be used to pull the front of her car away in order to free her from the wreckage.

Alberto Provedel, Weston, had his hip crushed when he was pinned in his car. Sgt. Jason Field and Constable Henry Adema, managed to break the seat of the Volkswagen and get him out.

Both victims were taken to Georgetown Hospital, then transferred to Toronto General Hospital. Georgetown firemen and volunteer ambulance men were at the scene.

The cars were totally wrecked.

## Nine Are Hurt In 2-Car Crash

Nine persons were injured in a two-vehicle accident west of Highway 25 near Acton golf club Sunday afternoon.

A half-ton truck carrying seven people and driven by Robert Murray, 16, RR 1, Acton, was in collision with a car driven by Gerard Gale of Georgetown on the First Line west of Highway 25 at the intersection of the Erin-Esqueving Town Line around 2:15 p.m.

Murray was admitted to Guelph General Hospital with fractures to his nose and wrist. A hospital spokesman said he and a passenger in the truck 15-year-old Brenda Wilson of Erin, admitted with a fractured pelvis, are in satisfactory condition.

Other passengers treated for bruises and minor lacerations and released were: Jeff Ribble 16; of Acton; Brad Martin, 16, of Acton; Cindy Wilson of Erin; Michael Hannusck, 16, of Nassauvillage Township; and Debbie Chard, 14, of Erin.

Gale, and a passenger in his vehicle, 15-year-old Gary Gale of Georgetown, were also treated and released from Guelph General Hospital.

Guelph OPP had no estimate of damage to either vehicle.

## Acquire Land For Addition

Labelmasters Ltd. has bought a piece of town-owned industrial land on Armstrong Avenue, adjoining the present plant. Council approved the sale last week.

The land, 135 feet wide by 337 feet in depth, was sold for \$5,000, on condition that the addition to the plant be built within three years.

The addition will be built partly on land now owned by the company and partly on the newly-acquired land.

The town can buy back the land at the same price, if Labelmasters does not build the addition within the three-year time limit.

Coun. Mike Armstrong said the property sold by the town is landlocked.

## Youth Hostels Are Supported

General committee of council, Monday, backed a stand by the city of Thunder Bay calling on the federal government to construct adequate youth hostels for travelling young people.

The Thunder Bay resolution stated that the federal government was encouraging youth to travel across the country, but many places had inadequate facilities for housing.

Coun. Phil Siddall said he would back the idea provided proper hostel associations were the aim, not makeshift arrangements.

"Hostel associations open to everyone, not just youth, the same as exist in Britain and Europe, should be the objective," said Coun. Siddall.

## Youth Hurt In Mishap

A Georgetown youth suffered only cuts and bruises and a broken wrist after his motorcycle collided head on with a vehicle on the 27 Sideroad just west of the Fourth Line West in Chinguacousy Township Sunday morning.

Kenneth James Asseltine, 18, of Georgetown, was west-bound on 27 Sideroad at about 11:45 a.m. when he collided with a vehicle driven by Lancelot Everett Jaquith, 28, of Terra Cotta, who was east-bound.

Chinguacousy police said the motorcycle was thrown over the car by the impact but suffered only a broken wrist and cuts and bruises. He was treated at the Peel Memorial Hospital.

## Water Scholars

Three local teens, Jane and Scott Beckett, of Georgetown, and Pauline Heaton, of Glen Williams, passed the Royal Life Bronze Medallion swimming examination at Mayfield, Sunday.

## HIGHER PERCENTAGE

Georgetown and District High School made an error compiling a list of the Ontario Scholars with percentages for publication in The Herald. The school has sent the word that Martin Lancaster received 90.3 per cent, not 88.8 as previously reported.

## Fight To Keep Swimmer Alive Is Unsuccessful

William Sutherland, 18, the son of Mrs. Robert Preston, 69 Jocelyn Cres, was pronounced dead at Toronto General Hospital, at 6 a.m. Monday, following a drowning accident Sunday afternoon at the quarry in Waterfalls Playground.

Sutherland was revived several times and kept alive by machines until that time.

The drowning victim was reportedly pulled out by two brothers who found him lying on the bottom. He was immediately given external heart massage by two unidentified Toronto nurses. They also applied a resuscitator, kept on the premises by playground owner Joseph Prucyk, who



**COUN. PHIL SIDDALL**

## Arthur Johnson Heads Campaign For Mayor

Arthur Johnson, president of Johnson Carney Ltd., Real Estate, has been appointed to the position of commercial and financial director for the 1973 Peel United Appeal Campaign. He will be responsible for the effective organization and direction of the campaign covering donations from all business establishments defined as financial, commercial and national firms.

Mr. Johnson has had plenty of experience in various fields, having completed several educational courses after

## Big Trucks Prohibited From Driveway of Home

Trucks of more than one-ton capacity will be prohibited from parking overnight in driveways on residential streets, council decided last week, when it passed an amendment to the zoning bylaw.

Mayor Bill Smith explained that the one-ton limit would not affect truck campers, and would not work a hardship on many citizens with half and three-quarter-ton capacity vehicles.

Reeve Ric Morrow said he had received complaints about a diesel tractor being parked all night in a driveway. "The engine runs for half an hour before it is shut off at night, and half an hour before it is driven away in the morning, the residents tell me," said the Reeve.

Mayor Smith said the amending bylaw had originally been passed by council, and signed by the mayor of the time, Joseph Gibbons, but had never been submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

## Town Engineer Hired To Serve Georgetown

Peter Morris of Dundas was hired as town engineer at a salary of \$16,585 a year, Monday night, by a unanimous vote of council.

In addition to his salary, he will receive a \$700 car allowance.

Mr. Morris will take up his duties here August 13. He has been town engineer in Dundas since June 1971. Prior to that he was in the engineering department of Scarborough for two years.

A graduate of University of

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS** at the Northern Electric plant in Bramalea resumed Tuesday morning as striking plant workers belonging to United Electrical Workers reported back to work. Nearly 1,800 UEW members had been on strike for seven weeks until last week when the UEW Local 531 signed an agreement with the company. The strike involved several hundred Georgetown and district residents.

**THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND** dollars in property damage resulted from 21 motor vehicle collisions investigated by North Halton OPP during the week of July 1-7. Nine of those mishaps resulted in injury to 19 persons. Fifteen of the drivers involved have been summoned to appear in provincial court. North Halton OPP investigated 124 general occurrences during the week.

**GEORGETOWN SWIMMING** pool was closed Monday and Tuesday because of a broken pump bearing. This made the water stagnant and would have lowered the chlorine count if the pool had been open according to Anne MacDonald, assistant pool supervisor. The pump was sent out for repairs and was functioning on Wednesday.

**A GAGGLE OF 88** librarians descended on Georgetown Public Library yesterday as part of a tour of libraries throughout the South Central Regional Library System, which covers Halton, Wentworth and part of Brant counties. Capacity audiences attended both showings of summer films at the library, Tuesday.



**IN THE SWIM** (Herald Photo)

The cool green water is too inviting for this diver to ignore, as he took the plunge at Georgetown swimming pool last week. It was a sweltering hot afternoon.