

# Ontario Hydro Predicts Ten Per Cent Rate Increase

Increases of about 10 per cent per year in electric rates were predicted by Ontario Hydro at the opening of public hearings before the Ontario Energy Board in Toronto.

While this is a preliminary estimate, Hydro told the Board, increases in the order of 10 per cent are likely for at least the next three years.

In a written submission to the Ontario Energy Board, Hydro estimated that it must expand the province-wide power system by 92 per cent during the next eight years "in order to meet the requirements of the people of Ontario for electrical energy."

Total estimated capital expenditures for the period 1974-1982 in the order of \$15-billion are foreseen.

The public hearings were established by authority of the Ontario Energy Board Amendment Act on July 17, 1973. The Act provides for the first time establishment of a mandatory public review process in respect of any rate change to take effect on or after January 1, 1975. The board was also empowered to review Hydro's generation program, its financial policies and objectives.

In his opening statement to the Board, Hydro's General Manager D. J. Gordon emphasized that, "Hydro does not look upon growth or expansion as having any value in itself. Our responsibility, as we see it, is to provide the capacity necessary to meet the demands of the people and the economy of Ontario for electricity."

The first several weeks of the Hydro hearings will detail the planned program for expanding the power system. During the

first four days, I.T. Higgins, Hydro's load forecaster has described the complexity of developing a ten-year forecast. "You can use, with great effect, things like computers and things like logic," Mr. Higgins told the Board, "but there is no black box that will churn out a forecast."

The evidence to date has described the steps employed by Hydro in preparing a forecast of Ontario's future electrical needs. The use of forecast models and the careful weighing of demographic influences, immigration policies, weather and water cycles, local and international political and economic developments form part of the preparation of the forecast.

The growing power of the oil-producing countries and the uncertainty of oil supplies, together with the unknown reaction of people to the developing energy supply

problem, were cited by Hydro as some of the variable factors which influence forecasts.

**FUTURE LOAD**

Hydro's forecast of the future load demand is the dominant factor in determining the need for the power system expansion program under review by the Ontario Energy Board. The program includes the extension of nuclear power stations at Pickering and Bruce, new generating stations at Bowmanville and Wesleyville and additional heavy water plants at Bruce.

With the completion of evidence on load forecasting procedures, the Board will examine Hydro's submission related to the reliability of the expanded power system. Hydro believes it should plan its future system on the basis that its reliability should be at least as high as today's system.

The hearings are expected to extend over several months.

## Health Unit Holds Weight Control Class

The Halton Regional Health Unit is holding a weight control class in Georgetown beginning Feb. 13. Classes will be conducted at 130 Guelph St. beginning at 7 p.m.

The course is a result of the Nutrition Canada survey findings which indicated that overweight was the number one health problem in Canada. Iron deficiency, a thiamine deficiency in men, low calcium and Vitamin D in infants are all second to the problem of excess weight, according to the report.

The Nutrition Canada survey was initiated by the federal government after evidence of

malnutrition among Canadians came to light. The information from this survey forms the reason for the Georgetown course.

Applicants for the local weight control class must fulfill two prerequisites; they must be 20 pounds overweight and they will be requested to have a medical examination from their family physician.

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ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT (R.S.O. 1970, c. 349).

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Corporation of the Town of Georgetown as continued by its successor The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for approval of its Restricted Area By-law 73-30.

## APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Friday, the 1st day of March, 1974, at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, in the Town of Halton Hills for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.

If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

In the event the decision is reserved persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.

DATED at Toronto this 4th day of February, 1974

SECRETARY IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT (R.S.O. 1970, c. 349)

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by The Corporation of the Town of Georgetown as continued by its successor The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for approval of its Restricted Area By-law 73-30

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Ontario Municipal Board has appointed Friday, the 1st day of March, 1974, at the hour of 10 o'clock (local time) in the forenoon at the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, in the Town of Halton Hills, R. R. No. 1, Georgetown (old Esquesing Municipal Building), Ontario, for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.

THIS HEARING is being held primarily to decide whether the above-mentioned by-law should or should not be approved. Requests for changes will only be considered by special leave granted by the Board and if sufficient advance notice has been given to the Clerk Administrator of the municipality to permit notice of such requests to neighbouring property owners. It should be noted also that any decision made at this hearing is subject to the right of any person interested to apply for an amendment under Section 35 (22) of The Planning Act.

DATED at Halton Hills this 5th day of February, 1974.

HELSON, BAINES & LANGDON Solicitors for The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills 132 Mill Street Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 2C6

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT (R.S.O. 1970, c. 349).

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to The Regional Municipality of Halton Act (1973) the Town of Georgetown, the Town of Acton and part of the Township of Esauswing were amalgamated as of the 1st day of January, 1974 as one legal entity known as The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills. Certain By-laws of the former Corporation of the Town of Georgetown, such as By-law No. 73-30, had not come into full force and effect as of the 1st day of January, 1974 since they had not as yet received the approval of The Ontario Municipal Board. Where Council for The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills intends to proceed with a Hearing to attempt to obtain the approval of The Ontario Municipal Board to a By-law passed by The Corporation of the Town of Georgetown prior to the 1st day of January 1974, then the said Halton Hills Council is required to re-enact the By-law under consideration prior to the date set for Hearing.

Before the Hearing on March 1, 1974 Council for The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills will have re-enacted By-law No. 73-30 in identical terms except that any references to The Corporation of the Town of Georgetown will be changed to read "The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills".

G.D. Pritchard, Clerk Administrator for The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 36 Main Street South Georgetown, Ontario 2-13

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Good News For Champ Royalties Georgetown Royalties girls' midget ball club has received some good news.

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This means that all players from last year's team remain eligible to try out again this season. Indoor facilities have been obtained and indoor tryouts are being held on Wednesday evenings.

Any girl who was 16 years old or younger on Jan. 1, 1974, is eligible and welcome. Telephone 877-6592 or 877-9623 for information.

Last season the local girls won in their league, plus the league championship. They played in four tournaments, won one, ended up in the final games of two others.

Most thrilling moment for the Royalties came in the all-Ontario playoffs when they went to the finals, only to lose out by three runs.

Already this season they have been invited to the Ontario Summer Games in June as one of the eight top midget clubs in Ontario.

Royalties are coached by Ted Wilkes and managed by Jack Hardy. They will be wearing new uniforms this season, courtesy of the sponsoring agency, Branch 10 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Playground Plans Finalized A committee of parents and teachers are finalizing plans for a new playground at Pineview Public School.

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