

230 kV line cuts two channels from northern system

Residents of a semi-isolated community in northern Ontario, which lost reception of two television channels because of a 230kV transmission line operating near their cable television company's antenna, claim Ontario Hydro has broken a promise to them and has refused to correct the situation.

The people of Atikokan, a town of about 6,000 people, 130 miles west of Thunder Bay, made available a strongly worded brief to the local concerned citizens group who

are opposed to Ontario Hydro's proposed 500kV transmission line from Bradley to Georgetown.

The brief says there is "An injustice being done to the citizens of Atikokan, Ontario, by Ontario Hydro..." Further, they say, Ontario Hydro's actions in first causing the loss of two channels, then after admitting fault, refusing to correct the situation "is an arrogant abuse of power and denial of civil rights."

Halton Cable System's receiving tower near Speyside

is four miles from the proposed 500kV line. Cost of restoring to Atikokan television reception of CBC and CTV out of Thunder Bay is estimated at \$200,000 and until the receiving tower is relocated, at least eight northern communities are denied cable service, the brief says.

Atikokan now receives four American channels, one channel of community announcements and one channel of educational material from TV Ontario, formerly Ontario Educational Channel

Authority. Without the cable, the people of Atikokan receive only a single Canadian television station, CBC Winnipeg which carries Manitoba-oriented news, says the brief.

When Ontario Hydro gave the town written assurance that operation of the 230kV transmission line and power switching station would not affect television reception, the town consented to the proposed line location. Shortly after the transmission lines were activated in 1972, reception of Canadian television from

Thunder Bay grew so poor, service was suspended. A consultant, who had been called in at the suggestion of Ontario Hydro to report on the situation, concluded most of the interference was caused by corona discharge from the transmission line.

Corona discharge is a sometimes visible electrical discharge resulting from a partial electric breakdown in a gas, as in the air surrounding a wire at high voltage. Ontario Hydro then carried out its own tests and an in-

ternal, confidential memo obtained by Nor-Video Services Ltd., operator of the cable system, says in part: "Results of tests on the 230kV Systems in the vicinity of Atikokan TS show that interference to TV reception of the Norvideo CATV system is caused by both lines and station bus."

Nor-Video Systems Ltd. asked Ontario Hydro for \$200,000 to underwrite the cost of moving the receiving equipment in order to restore full service but were advised in

May, 1975 that all claims were denied. The brief continues: "Quite clearly, Ontario Hydro has shown little willingness to take decisive action to rectify a situation that in the first place it promised would never happen."

"This is indeed cavalier treatment of a community already, by its very location, isolated from communications between itself and the remainder of Northwestern Ontario. It is an arrogant abuse of power and a denial of civil rights."

500kV line shouldn't bother Halton Cable

In order to guarantee almost 5,000 Halton subscribers there will be no disruption or suspension of cable service due to the proposed construction of a 55kV transmission line near Georgetown, Eric Bell, chief technician for Halton Cable Systems, has sent a letter to Ontario Hydro requesting such assurance.

"The proposed transmission line would pass about four

miles north of the cable company's new receiving signal antenna near Speyside and could cause interference with the signal received from Channel 3, Barrie.

Interference by the transmission line on Channels 2 and 4 from Buffalo could also be caused by operation of Ontario Hydro's proposed high-tension line, and it was to alleviate these fears that Bell sent the letter.

In an interview Monday, though, he said he doubted the 55kV line would mean loss of those three channels in the same residents of Atikokan, Ontario lost two channels due to a 20kV transmission line operating near their antenna.

"We feel we won't have the problem," Bell said and he explained why. He said that, unlike the Atikokan situation, the receiving tower in Speyside

was more distant from the transmission line. Atikokan's tower, he felt was "about 800 yards" from the 20kV line. The Halton system tower is not only further away but well sited on a high place of ground. Further, he added, the antennas here were of a "highly directional" nature which are

aligned along geographical coordinates, "something like a compass."

The antenna at Atikokan uses parabolic reflectors instead, he said.

In addition, the Atikokan tower was trying to receive signals from stations "about 200 miles away". The Speyside

tower receives signals from stations only 60 miles away, he said.

And Bell said "less severe weather in Halton" would not disrupt the signal as it had in Atikokan.

But should the problem occur anyway, Bell said

equipment exists to "minimize the problem of 500 kilo Volt lines."

He said there are 60 to 120 cycle "traps" which remove from the television signal any disturbance caused by transmission lines which have current in them operating at 60 to 120 cycles, but these "traps" were still "in an experimental stage."

Another spokesman for the cable company said, "We're positive we're not going to experience a problem," but added later on, in reference to the proposed construction of the transmission line, "We'd build it 40 miles away."

Out popped a Kinsman

A little late to mark International Women's Year, nevertheless the Kinettes Stag held last Wednesday evening a first for Georgetown women - was a smashing success.

Presumably the first women's stag to be held by an organization in town, the Kinettes were turning women away at the door due to hall admittance restrictions. Some 120 women joined in the fun of the various games of chance the entertainment provided.

The entertainment provided began with "The Great Pretender" pantomiming famous people such as Tiny Tim, Tom Jones and Al Jolson. Next on the line-up were the Kinsmen Whistlers. Last but not least on the line-up of entertainers were Fred Curtis and George Hiddall, both Kinsmen, who presented a humorous skit.

All evening the women were eyeing a five-foot cake which stood in the corner of the hall. Sometime around 11:30 out popped one of the Kinsmen - who wishes to remain anonymous - adorned in a pair of red tights.

It was a fun evening and a very successful fund-raising event for the Georgetown Kinettes. The money raised by the stag will be used for the Kinettes' many charitable donations.



OPEN HOUSE. Jim Brown, front of Milton, carefully examines the listed possible sites for landfill for Halton region at the open house of the Solid Waste Resource Recovery Program held in Stewarttown School last Wednesday. Standing with Mr. Brown is Alex Giffen, from the ministry of the environment.

Rural residents lead response on solid waste

Two days after household distribution, Connor Development Services in charge of public participation in the Solid Waste Resource Recovery Program, received some 300 returns from interested citizens voicing their opinions on the possible listed sites.

"We are very encouraged by the response we have received so far," notes Carolyn Dutka of Burlington, Citizen Participation representative. "Rural people have shown the greatest majority of interest probably because of sites which may be chosen are located close to their farms."

Previous to the latest distribution, a four-page tabloid was distributed to some 85,000 households outlining the problems and some approaches to solving the problems of garbage disposal in Halton Region however due to the mail strike throughout the course of the month only some 200 tabloids were returned.

The immediate priority for the 500 tons of garbage produced each day in the

Region is to choose landfill sites because the present ones will be full in less than two years. A resource recovery plant to reclaim metal and paper for recycling is being investigated as part of a long term solution.

The study, which began in 1974, sponsored by the Ontario ministry of the environment in co-operation with the Halton, is directed by a technical co-ordinating committee of provincial and municipal representatives. The work is being done by M.M. Dillon Limited (engineering), Connor Development Service (public participation), Ecoplans Ltd. (environmental assessment) and Gartner-Lee Associates Ltd. (hydro-geology).

"The urban people haven't shown a great deal of response because of the fact that any landfill sites or recovery plant locations will not be close to their home. However, these people have responded in the sense of, expressing their opinion as to where the best sites are."

A note of encouragement to Halton Hills residents made by

Mrs. Dutka, is that the landfill sites located in Halton Hills are low on the list of preferred locations. According to Mrs. Dutka, all of the three sites located in Halton Hills are too small for any major landfill sites as well as being too far away from the re-generating sites. However, she did point out that these sites could be utilized for sub-sites or for special landfill sites.

"What we are saying is that social input is just as important as just say, the best truck routes for the landfill sites," said Des Connor of Connor Development Services. "This is the first time that public response has been asked for, concerning landfill sites. Basically, I found that you need to begin any such study, by assuring the people who will be affected, that they know exactly what it is all about," continued Mr. Connor.

"It's time that people realize that they have to adjust to certain inconveniences as landfill sites. We have to begin living co-operatively together. This notion that no man is an island is gone. We are a community and we have to live as a community."

"However, from the quality in the returns and the opinions expressed most realize the need for new landfill sites and most are in favour of a resource recovery plant. People realize that at the present time there is no real alternative to landfill sites," concluded Mr. Connor. By the end of this month the study team working on the Solid Waste Resource Recovery program, is expected to "complete its investigation and search for Halton landfill sites. Once this is completed the team will turn its findings over to the region's public works committee which in turn will recommend a site to Halton Region Council."

Mrs. Dutka, explained that all the public returns will be tabulated and the results will be a part of the report which will be submitted. She also explained that the region's public works committee as well as the Halton council will weigh the public response in connection with the final decision made.

Georgetown Majorettes fare well in U.S.

Five Georgetown Senior Majorettes proudly returned home recently, holding two firsts captured in a competition held in Akron, Ohio on January 16.

Kim Marcel, competing in the Novices Class was the highlight of the Georgetown Majorettes performers returning home with four firsts, three seconds, one third and a fifth place standing, as well as proudly returning with two High Point trophies.

In the competition, challenging other 11 and 12 year-olds, Kim stole two firsts in T Strut; a first in Basic Street; a first in Modelling, second in Basic Strut, second in Military, second in Solo, third in Solo and fifth in

Modeling. Anna Marie Stone participating in the Intermediate Class, (13- and 14-yr.-old) also came home carrying a large number of honours. She received first and fifth in her solos, first in High Points, first in Modelling, second and third in Flag, third in Military and fifth in T Strut.

Also competing in the Novice Class, Diane Stone placed first in Basic Strut, second in T Strut, third in Military and fourth in T Strut.


Janet Doyle in the Novice Class placed first and fifth in her solos and fifth in the T Strut.

Lisa Sheehan, competing in the Advanced Class (15- to 20-yr.-old) placed third in T Strut and fifth in Solo.

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- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975, **TENANTS** wishing to dispute increases up to eight per cent for that period must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.
- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975, **LANDLORDS** wishing to charge more than eight per cent over the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975, for the above period, must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.
- If the **LANDLORD** and **TENANT** do not agree on a rent increase above the eight per cent guideline, and do not apply to have the rent for that period reviewed, the **TENANT** is entitled to a rebate of any rent paid in excess of eight per cent by February 29, 1976.
- The maximum rent **LANDLORDS** may charge tenants after January 1, 1976 for all tenancy agreements which became effective on or after July 30, 1975 is eight per cent more than the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975. A landlord collecting more than this contravenes the rent review legislation and may, on summary conviction, be fined up to \$2,000.

In respect to tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including April 30, 1976, **LANDLORDS** wishing to charge more than eight per cent for any period after January 1, 1976 must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.

For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after January 1, 1976, **TENANTS** wishing to dispute any increase must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976, or 60 days after receiving a notice of increase, whichever comes last.

RENT REVIEW FORMS


- Until the rent review offices are in operation, **TENANTS** and **LANDLORDS** may obtain forms from offices of the Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources (northern affairs branch offices only), Ministry of Revenue assessment offices, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and Ontario Housing Corporation branch offices in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Cambridge, Hamilton and London. Check your telephone directory for the local address.
- Mail the **COMPLETED** forms to Rent Review at the postal box designated for the municipality in which your accommodation is located.

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