

The "strip" cuts through the heart of Halton Hills

Another shock to Halton Hills from the proposed 500kV line from Bradford to Georgetown came last week when expropriation notices were published in local papers.

What Ontario Hydro wants to expropriate is a 250-foot-wide corridor of land across the middle of Halton Hills along the Fifth Line. In its expropriation notice, Ontario Hydro refers to this as "the strip."

Down the middle of "the strip," Ontario Hydro wants to erect lattice towers of 162 feet high, about as tall as a 20-storey building. There would be between 80 and 90 of these towers spaced about a sixth-of-a-mile apart.

At the southern end of Halton Hills, "the strip" would be four pairs of extensions, the longest of which would be 40 feet on each side. It's from these extensions that the cables are hung to carry power from the Bruce Generating Station to Toronto.

At the southern end of Halton Hills, "the strip" would join up with another one 525 feet wide carrying twin 500kV lines from the Middleport transformer station, then loop across Hwy. 401 to the Milton switching station.

According to a schedule of events released by Ontario Hydro possession of the expropriated property is expected to take place during 30 days between November and December next year, 15 months from now. Although the schedule says the dates are "tentative," it ends, "every effort will be made by Ontario Hydro to substantially conform to this property acquisition schedule."

This week Ontario Hydro's property agents and line location technicians began calling on property owners on "the strip" which encompasses approximately 350 acres.

At two days of information hearings last week at Hillsburgh Community Centre, Ontario Hydro laid out on a long table an aerial-photostrip map of expropriated properties in Erin Township and met affected owners.

About a dozen Hydro officials were in attendance to talk with a steady stream of owners, most of whom, according to one Hydro official, came in frowning and walked out smiling after hearing the amount of public money Hydro was willing to pay.

Figures for what Ontario Hydro was willing to pay for land in Halton Hills, the

Georgetown makes it to the Olympics

The news out of Thunder Bay this past weekend, is that Georgetown will be represented in the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

The northern community was the site over the weekend of the Olympic freestyle wrestling trials for the 1976 summer Games in Montreal and Georgetown's Clive Llewellyn has gained a berth on the team in the 151.5 lb. weight class. Clive won his final, which was a best-of-three affair, in two straight matches.

Ontario had a fine showing at the trials as seven of the ten weight classes were won by Ontario wrestlers.

First come, first serve for fences

If you were thinking of getting the town to pay half the cost of a fence between your property and town property, you might as well forget the whole idea.

The works committee Monday night came out in favour of recommending to council that the policy ought to be discontinued.

In arriving at this position the members of the committee pointed out that the budget for fencing is \$1,000 a year and that already this year almost three-quarters of that is gone and over 40 more applications are expected, especially from Acton homeowners.

Those homeowners who had their applications in before Monday, May 31, they will be put on a "fence list" on a first-come, first-served basis and when the money runs out, they will have to wait until next year or the year after or the year after that before getting a portion of the fences cost returned to them.

Marywoods improving

Town engineer Robert Austin reported to the works committee Monday night that work in Marywood Meadows is progressing.

"The main thrust now is lot grading," he said. "Concrete repairs are progressing and as soon as they are completed, the street will be dug up and the services reconnected."

In attendance at the meeting were a number of residents from Marywood Meadows but not as an official delegation. When one asked if they could get a copy of the engineer's report, they were told that they could after council approves it next Monday (June 7th). A copy of the report will be sent to Stan Jackson, spokesman for the ratepayers.

Norval water system will proceed after 1977

It may be two years away but the Norval water system is now very close to being a certainty.

Representatives of the Norval Community Association, headed by association president Hugh McFarlane, were present at last week's meeting of the regional works committee, to hear that preliminary engineering work on the extension of the Georgetown water system to Norval may be underway in the very near future.

Halton regional council is expected to approve this week a recommendation from the works committee that the engineering firm of Proctor and Redfern be hired at a cost of \$50,000 to begin the detailed engineering scheme for the work.

Council had been waiting for confirmation from the province that the ministry of the environment was willing to pay all, or a large portion, of the \$50,000 cost.

That confirmation came in a recent letter from environment minister George Kerr

Booth in hospital

Roy Booth, town councillor and well known town merchant in Georgetown, is in the coronary care unit at Toronto Western Hospital.

Mr. Booth was taken to the hospital Sunday morning after suffering quite a bit of pain, Mrs. Booth said in an interview.

"He looks well now," Mrs. Booth said, referring to a Monday evening visit she had with her husband at the hospital. "At least he's in the right place and having a few days rest."

She said that Mr. Booth is undergoing tests and that a coronary attack is suspected only.

At press time, a hospital spokesman said that Mr. Booth's condition is "fair" and he spends "a good kind of night."



Drilling on Britannia-Tremaine site approved

Halton's works committee will recommend to regional council today (Wednesday) that \$19,000 be spent on carrying out drilling on site "F", the proposed site near Britannia and Tremaine roads for a regional garbage dump.

At last Wednesday's meeting of the works committee held in Halton Hills, committee members heard from Wally Wells, representing the consulting firm of M.M. Dillon and Associates, that site "F", once the drilling tests confirm its physical suitability for a landfill operation could be easily acquired.

Through "unofficial contact" with the landowners, many of whom do not live in the area, Dillon's staff report that a block of land in excess of the size required by the region for a massive 20-year landfill operation can be

Residents ask for Halton Hills support against 'F'

Residents from near site "F" of a proposed regional waste disposal site appeared before the works committee Monday evening to request support in their struggle to have the garbage site located elsewhere.

Stewart McFadden, a farmer in the area, said the residents of Tremaine-Britannia were in favour of a multi-system and not a single site for garbage, especially a site to be used for 20 years.

He heard from Mayor Tom Hill that even

though north Halton councillors may be in agreement with the residents of site "F", they were outnumbered at regional council by Oakville and Burlington councillors.

Mr. McFadden said some Oakville councillors were also opposed to site "F" and asked the Mayor to lobby the other regional councillors from Halton Hills to have the garbage site located in another location.



A BIG MOMENT in Georgetown's history occurred last Wednesday afternoon as the official sod turning ceremony took place at the site of the addition to Georgetown's sewage treatment plant. George Kerr, minister of the environment, used a golden shovel to cut the first sod but it took the combined advice of Councillor Dick Howitt and regional Chairman Allan Masson plus the physical assistance of Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill to finally turn the first sod.

Downtown businessmen ask for police protection

The "absolutely appalling and dreadful" condition of the heart of downtown Georgetown was the cause of complaints voiced at a meeting of the Downtown Businessmen's Association last Tuesday.

The brunt of the complaints focused on the northwest corner of Hill and Main Streets where stands the McGibbon Hotel but the southwest corner where there is an empty Bank of Montreal building for sale also was mentioned.

The merchants attending the meeting said people who walk by the McGibbon Hotel are subject to obscene words screamed on the walls of the hotel and uttered by a gang of youths which can be found loitering at the corner all hours of the day and night.

Six months ago the D.B.A. sent a letter of complaint to the police and for a month the situation improved, said Betty Anne Smith, secretary of the association, but nothing has been done since then.

The business men decided to send a letter of complaint to Halton's Chief of Police, Ken Skerrett, the region's police commission and Mayor Tom Hill.

They suggested that foot patrols, as there used to be in Georgetown before the advent of regionalism, might see the end to the problem.

Said one merchant who requested anonymity for fear of reprisals: "Have the police no control over this?"

The merchants will also send a letter to the town's works committee to see what can be done about improving the appearance of the empty bank building.

Motoryclist injured in crash

A motoryclist and a motorist were injured in two separate accidents this past week in Halton Hills.

Ronald Hills, 517 Main St. Glen Williams was treated and released at Georgetown

District Memorial Hospital after he was involved in a collision on Mountainview Rd. near Todd Rd. on May 27 at 5:25 p.m.

Mary Watson Barclay, 27 Mountray Cres., the driver of the car was injured but

did not go to hospital.

Damages to the Hills' motorcycle amounted to \$1,000 police estimate while the Barclay vehicle sustained \$300 in damages.

In a single car mishap May 30 at 3 a.m. on 5 Sideroad about two-tenths of a mile west of the Fourth Line, Valerie Forbet of Mississauga was taken to Milton District Hospital, treated and released after she swerved to miss a dog on the road.

Damages in the accident were \$1,500, police estimate.

Damages to a car driven by Harold D. Caruso, 22 Charles St. in Georgetown, amounted to \$1,200 May 27th at 2 p.m. when it left the road at 340 Guelph St. and rolled into the ditch, police estimate. Damage to the lawn in the ditch was \$100 and the town's works department were informed.

A car driven by Stephen P. Brunt, 18 Rosefield Dr. in Georgetown, was in collision with a car owned by Carl Paluszkievicz outside the Paluszkievicz residence at 21 Rosefield Dr. on May 29 at 12:35 p.m.

Police estimate damages to the Paluszkievicz vehicle at \$800 and \$200 to the Brunt vehicle.

An unknown driver struck and severed a hydro pole at ground level at the intersection of Sarah St. and Durham St. in Georgetown sometime during May 29th. Police estimate damage to the hydro pole at \$300.

On May 28 at 8 p.m., a car driven by Patricia Doucette, 114 Mountainview Rd. S., was in collision with a car driven by Christine Nell, 7 Lane Court.

Damages in the collision, which occurred opposite 115 Mountainview Rd. S., were \$300 to the Nell vehicle and \$100 to the Doucette vehicle, police estimate.

An unknown driver struck a parked car owned by Alvin C. Gimple, RR5, Georgetown on May 29 at 2:30 a.m. opposite 5 Dawson Cres. Police estimate damages at \$75.

The parking lot of the Bank of Nova Scotia on Guelph St. and Mountainview Rd. was the scene of a crash when a car driven by Deborah A. McGowan, 18 Normandy Blvd. was in collision with a car driven by Mildred A. Wall, 3 Edith St.

Damages in the accident, which happened May 27 at 10:15 a.m., were \$200 to the Wall vehicle but nil to the McGowan vehicle, police estimate.

The driveway of the Georgetown Market Plaza on Mountainview Rd. was the scene of an accident when a Gray Coach Bus, driven by Spurgeon Thompson of Streetsville, was in collision with a car owned by the Oxford Picture Frame Co. Ltd. of Toronto and driven by Bernice Saxe of Main St. S. in Georgetown.

In the accident, which took place May 26 at 5:30 p.m., police estimate damage to the bus at \$60 and \$100 to the Saxe vehicle.



JOANNE BURGOYNE, 9, came to the Children's Day Parade as a Herald newspaper. For more photos turn to page 11.