



CRAFTS REGISTRATION

Albert Dudney, treasurer of the Credit Valley Artists, shows a nylon doll, one of the crafts which is being taught in the Artists' winter courses. Registration was held last Tuesday and Saturday at the Cottage at Cedarvale Park. Other courses include stained glass and watercolors. (Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Insufficient study of route: professor

Information about the environmental aspects of the 100-mile long Bruce to Milton hydro corridor route is insuffi-

cient to allow Ontario Hydro to make a proper and conscientious decision regarding the route selection, according to Dr. Frederick Gilbert.

The University of Guelph zoology professor, appearing as a witness for the ICG before the OMB Thursday, criticized Hydro's criteria for route selection, pointing out that the only inventory of environmentally-sensitive areas available at the time the Bruce to Milton route was being plotted has since been shown to have many shortcomings.

"Without an adequate description of these areas, it

would be impossible to ascertain the best routing," Dr. Gilbert claimed. "We stand to lose (Ontario's) best areas by default, and Ontario Hydro's criteria provide no assurance that they will be saved."

TOLD OMB
Dr. Gilbert told the OMB that he can single out areas all the way along the Bruce to Milton route where environmental problems could be expected if the corridor is approved.

Contacted recently by the ICG to evaluate criteria used by Hydro and its consultants to map out the route, Dr. Gilbert determined that the criteria relied primarily upon a preliminary inventory of environmentally sensitive areas along the way that has since been demonstrated to be inaccurate and insufficient.

The BHI consultants' report commissioned by Hydro, for example, based some of its conclusions concerning the crossing of woodlots upon the average height of trees, he said, in fact, the type of trees within the individual woodlots should constitute the actual criteria for such an assessment, Dr. Gilbert said.

The professor advised the OMB that there is "serious liability" involved in Hydro's current routing practices, particularly where tree cutting is carried out.

In response to Hydro lawyer John Parkinson's invitation to comment on these practices, Dr. Gilbert contended that the onus should be on Hydro to minimize the impact of its intrusions upon environmentally sensitive areas. As a citizen concerned about the ecology, he said, he would rather see the corridor route jugged around such areas, despite the vastly increased expense involved in having to use angle towers.

DECISION UNFAIR
Dr. Gilbert reported that he has told the provincial government in writing that it was wrong to endorse the Bruce to Milton route in view of the shortage of information available concerning the route's environmental impact. The decision, he said, was "unfair" to the citizens of Ontario both inside and outside Halton Hills.

According to Dr. Gilbert, the ministry of energy is among the agencies presently coming to grips with Ontario's new Environmental Assessment Act, which although considered "weak legislation" by many environmentalists, may have uncovered some of the problems had it been enacted in time to be applied to the Bruce to Milton corridor. He noted, though, that the provincial cabinet can exempt certain projects from the protective terms of the Act or over-rule an OMB decision based on those terms.

Tree by-law delay

Concerns expressed by some Halton regional council members over both the stipulations and lack of stipulations in a proposed municipal bylaw for the protection of trees have prompted the council to seek a further review of the long-delayed legislation.

The regional planning committee, which recommended the tree bylaw for council's approval the week previous, was directed to have another look at the proposed bylaw following chairman Ted McDonald's acknowledgement that all concerns may not have been resolved as the commit-

tee had hoped. Although it was Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth who first pointed out the bylaw's shortcomings at last Wednesday's council meeting, noting that there are several species of trees not named among those included in the bylaw, his colleague from Halton Hills, Coun. Russ Miller, cautioned against delaying the legislation unnecessarily.

MILTON MAYOR
Milton Mayor Don Gordon suggested that there is "no big rush" to get the bylaw approved and comment should be requested from Halton's area

municipalities. Coun. Booth said that he is "not too concerned with the urgency" but observed that Halton Hills unlike the other areas, has been without tree protection legislation since regional government was introduced in 1974.

Chief administrative officer Ernie Reid reported that, in accordance with the committee's directions, the planning department has determined that there are no conflicts between the proposed regional tree bylaw and the localized legislations in effect in Burlington, Oakville and Milton.

Mr. Reid said that the regional bylaw has been endorsed by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Burlington Coun. Vern Connell assured Coun. Miller that a further committee review of the bylaw will not unduly delay its approval. Agreeing that such a review is necessary, Mayor Gordon criticized the bylaw for its apparent intention to "interfere" with the rights of property owners who simply wish to clear unwanted trees from their land for development purposes, in contravention to the proposed bylaw.

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