



**CADET AWARDS**

The awards presentation took up the larger part of the annual inspection of 756 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Monday. Receiving awards are, front row, left to right, Cpl. Paul Carter, Best Junior NCO; Sgt. Roger Parsons, Marksmanship trophy; CWO Doug Cousins, Air Cadet of the Year; Cpl. Rob Morrow, Best Dressed Cadet on Parade. Back

row, left to right, are LAC Ian Powell, Best First Year Cadet; LAC Steve Baker, Most Improved Band Member; MWO Brian Peters, Leadership Award; and Flight Sergeant Mike Vernon, Initiative and Enthusiasm Award.

(Herald photo)

**Council's stand**

**Hydro opposition reaffirmed**

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by opponents, Coun. Booth said, Hydro will increase rates in order to cover higher production and distribution costs, adding to the tax burden borne by all Ontario consumers. "I would suggest that we back off now," Booth said. "We've had our kick at the can. If I could see some light at the end of the tunnel, then I suppose I'd support the ICG."

**CREATED DELAYS**

Coun. Maltby countered that any additional costs created by delays in construction are far less than those created by

Hydro's much-publicized forecasting and contracting errors.

"What is the price of democracy?" he asked colleagues who wanted a ceiling stipulated for the town's future corridor battle expenditures. "What about these people who have been stonewalled by Hydro's hypocritical bungling? (The ICG) has eroded Hydro's walls with their tenacious investigations. Every week we read something new in the papers about Hydro's costly mistakes."

The committee debate followed Mr. Reed's public appraisal of Hydro as an autono-

mous crown corporation managed by trustees who are neither accountable to the government nor legally responsible to Hydro's "shareholders" - the taxpayers of Ontario. Since the introduction of the Power Corporations Act in 1973 terminated Hydro's status of as a "power commission" answerable to the government, Mr. Reed said, the utility has become increasingly remote from control by elected representatives. A private members' bill filed in the Legislature earlier this month by Mr. Reed, which would have made Hydro directly accountable to the government, was blocked by Conservatives.

**PROVINCIAL PROBLEM**

Coun. Booth called the corridor question "a provincial problem" and suggested that Mr. Reed might be "using" town council and the ICG to further his own ambitions regarding Hydro's accountability. The remark drew jeers from the gallery and some councillors. "Would you have me do nothing?" Mr. Reed asked Coun. Booth. "The provincial and municipal aspects of this are inexorably linked."

Coun. Booth's argument that legal victories will not force the Cabinet to change its mind about the corridor was challenged by ICG lawyer Patrick Devine. He explained that the proposed motion to quash the February 5 OMB ruling, if successful, would mean that the Municipal Act, and thus municipal authority in general, takes precedence over the Power Corporations Act, such a landmark decision on the part of the divisional court, Mr. Devine said, would leave the Cabinet with no firm foundation for its own decision, since it has consistently relied upon the OMB's authority for justification.

Mr. Devine speculated that if corridor opponents are successful in their plans to challenge the OMB's legal jurisdiction in the corridor dispute, the Cabinet would no longer be able to use the OMB as a "buffer" between itself and the public. Municipal officials across the province would "raise hell" over their then-apparent lack of authority in planning matters, he said.

Mayor Pomeroy commented that it is "obvious" council should let the courts decide the corridor question. He asked, though, why the ICG had never offered to undertake a joint independent study with Hydro of the corridor route through Halton Hills.

**NO RIGHT**

Mr. Devine and ICG vice-chairman John Minns explained that the ICG would have no right to subpoena witnesses nor other legal authority which would be necessary if the study was to be conclusive.

Coun. Knechtel suggested that the corridor battle would best be fought in the Legislature, rather than the courts, since any opposition that might be mustered among Liberal and New Democratic members could seriously challenge Premier William Davis' Conservative minority government.

Coun. Patterson defended the recommendation to continue financial support for the ICG by citing various municipal expenditures which he claimed chiefly benefit the residents of urban Halton Hills, even though rural residents are contributing.

The town's legal expenses thus far on the dispute surrounding Focal Properties Ltd. proposal to develop homes south of Georgetown now amount to \$75,000, he said. The library and cultural centre recently approved by council will cost all residents a large share of the \$1.5 million overall cost, he added.

**NEXT PHASE**

"Think of how you'd feel if some group came in and arbitrarily took over your property," Coun. Patterson pointed out. "This council has pitched in \$12,000 to \$13,000 so far on this; the least we can do is go on with the next phase."

Coun. Patterson received some mild criticism from councillors Booth, Biehn and McDonald for expressing what they called "parochial" views of municipal spending. "This is, more than likely, the last avenue we will have to explore," Coun. Wood commented. "The cost to the town is relatively minimal, so there's no reason at all why every councillor here shouldn't vote to finish the fight."

**ICG lists problems, dangers of high-voltage corridors**

Devalued land prices, disrupted television and radio reception and potentially lethal electrical charges are among the dozens of possible problems facing this area if the Bruce to Milton hydro transmission line is completed, according to the Interested Citizens Group (ICG).

ICG officials Reford Gardhouse, Walter Scott and John Minns, along with lawyer Patrick Devine, listed many possible dangers of the 500,000-volt power line during a presentation to the town's general committee Monday night.

Calling the corridor "a thorn in our side that's been festering for more than five years", Mr. Gardhouse informed the committee that the ICG has thus far spent \$125,000 in its legally-oriented efforts to force the provincial government to launch an independent study of the corridor route and possible alternatives, a routine investigation of the type conducted for all other major transmission lines in Ontario.

**NUMEROUS CONCERNS**  
The ICG officials cited numerous concerns and questions about the corridor for which they said Hydro has yet to provide answers. Among those mentioned:

- a University of Waterloo study found that property in the immediate vicinity of transmission lines is devalued by the line's presence by an average of 30 per cent;
- in return for yielding valuable farmland to limited uses beneath power lines, the town suffers a "substantial" loss of assessment revenue;
- Hydro has no official policy for the erection of fences around installations or for assuming liability;
- farming activities are drastically restricted in the area of towers and lines;
- up to five more high-tension lines have been proposed for construction parallel with the Bruce to Milton corridor;
- Hydro intends to export much of its 48 - per cent power surplus to the U.S., possibly utilizing the Bruce to Milton corridor to do so;

- farm workers and livestock may be confronted by potentially lethal induced-voltage shocks from machinery that has been parked near lines;

- the computerized circuit used on school buses to balance brakes could malfunction as the bus passes underneath lines;

- natural areas and farmland could be extensively damaged and defoliated by Hydro's construction and maintenance methods;

**MAGNETIC FACTOR**  
- television and radio reception, and particularly cable transmissions, could be disrupted or cut off altogether;

- thunderstorms could be attracted by the lines' high magnetic factor from as far away as ten miles;

- high-voltage lines can cause some 61 different biological side-effects among humans, animals and plants up to a mile away.

Asked where the corridor might be directed if its opponents in Halton Hills are successful in blocking its completion here, Mr. Minns outlined for the committee the "Belwood alternative" to which the ICG first referred several years before its eventual implementation by Hydro.

Mr. Minns explained that the corridor has been constructed and energized as far south as the Belwood junction, at which point its transmission is re-directed northeast to Essa,

near Barrie, and southwest to Kitchener. Hydro has admitted that the connection made at Belwood last year, which enabled all of the power produced at the Bruce generating station to be released into the province-wide grid system, is working much better than they had expected, according to Mr. Minns.

The ICG contends, as a result, that the southern link in the Bruce to Milton corridor, which would continue the line through Halton Hills' Fifth Concession, is no longer necessary. The lines between Kitchener and Essa can be upgraded, Mr. Minns said, so that the province is serviced efficiently at much less expense.

The independent study requested by the ICG on several occasions, he said, would determine the best possible ways of deploying Ontario's power supplies.

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**About the Hills**

**Levy seeks fence**

Coun. Harry Levy Monday revived his attempts to have the town install a fence along Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown where it passed the Metcalfe Court ravine. Deputy town engineer Ted Ballinger informed the town's general committee that erosion control work in the ravine should be completed this month. He suggested the town should erect a chain link fence with a 10-foot gateway and take steps to prohibit access into the ravine by motorcycles and snowmobiles. The fence would cost about \$2,200, he said.

**New firehall building**

A frame building used by Halton Hills volunteer firefighters for training purposes will be moved from Limehouse to the grounds of the department's Maple Avenue headquarters in Georgetown, if a recommendation by the town's general committee is accepted next week by council. Fire chief Mick Holmes informed the committee Monday night that the building's owners, Willroy Mines Ltd., have donated the structure to the firefighters on condition that it is moved soon. Moving cost is estimated at \$1,000. Coun. Roy Booth asked town staff to ensure that the location of a second building at the firehall site does not contravene town bylaws.

**Acton High art show**

Acton high school along with neighboring public schools will be holding a "Family of Schools" art show from May 31 to June 2 at the high school. M.Z. Bennett, Robert Little, McKenzie-Smith and Speydale Schools will be participating in the run that is being held in conjunction with Summerfest activities. The show will run through the day, every day and parents are invited to attend at any time during the show.

**WARP boycott list**

The WARP boycott list for May 30 to June 12 includes these items: all packaged cold cuts, powdered or crystallized fruit drinks, battered or frozen fish, all cakes and pastries, all non-dairy whipped toppings, all bagged candy, all non-Canadian apples and celery.

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9:30 & 11 Church School  
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