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## Did Hydro stack latest corridor study in its favor?



Landscape painter and ceramicist Jennifer Chanter-Colby displays some of the work which has won her praise from Gallery House Sol proprietor John Sommer. Her landscape paintings and ceramic work indicate how she has been affected by the intimate and quiet surroundings of Northumberland County, the theme of her exhibit at House Sol, which continues until Oct. 22.

(Herald photo)

## HAWK HOP

There are still some seats available for the Ronnie Hawkins show at the library-cultural centre Tuesday night, but you've got to act fast if you want to save money. The Hawk will be in town for two shows, one starting at 7 and the other at 8:30 p.m. Advance lickets are \$10 apiece, but if you choose to pay at the door, they're \$12.50 each. For ticket information, call the town office at 877-5185 and ask for extension 19 or 60.

By MAGGIE HANNAH Herald Special

Ontario Hydro deliberately contacted groups with no knowledge of farming to pass judgement on their proposed new hydro transmission corrider to London so the decision would not be weighted in favor the farm community, a Hydro spokesman sald Tues-

ty relations officers and the man in charge of setting up the groups to give Hydro public input into their planning pro-

cess, said in a telephone interview that farm, environmental, recreation, community, culture and business groups were all contacted and asked if they would send representatives to the various working

Mr. McDermid was responding to charges by John Schnelder and Gordon Kidd, former members of the Interested Sandy McDermid, Ontario Citizens Group which fought Hydro's supervising communi- Hydro's Bruce-to-Milton 500 Kilovolt corridor, who claimed representatives didn't know what they were discussing and leaned heavily towards the

views Hydro wanted accepted. Mr. Schnieder charged over the weekend that Hydro had not proved a need for any line yet they wanted approval from the public on one of the six eventually cross."

routes proposed. NOTSERIOUS

Mr. Kidd said it was almost macabre the way the working party representative sat around calmly discussing the best routes when none of the toutes would involve them in

"I found the levity in some of the discussions almost distressing," said Mr. Kidd. "They

about full employment we are not talking about the

government making up the

difference if that goal is not

The objection to the payroll

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reached.'

didn't seem to be aware, or they didn't care, how the decisions they approved for Hydro would totally disrupt the lives on farms the lines will

Mr. McDermid said he was surprised at the charges. "1 thought it was well understood from the beginning that we had deliberately gone to people besides farmers so that we'd get all the trade offs on the table for discussion.

"The criticism that many of the people didn't know what they were talking about is quite valid but the farm community was well represented

Mr. Kidd agreed that farm groups had been represented in the beginning but it was difficult for many to attend because the meetings occured through late July to early October, normally a very busy time of year ...

Mr. McDermid said the meetings were only part of the whole process and had been deliberately scheduled for the summer so the environmental hearings could be set during the winter when farmers could be present.

The entire process is a

three-to-four year program, said Mr. McDermid, and it would be impossible to work it out so the farm community could always be accommodat-

, Mr. Kidd said he was also intrigued to find the route Hydo was pushing, route five which inclludes two 500 KV transmission lines to London from Bruce and lines from Barrie.

CHANGE DIRECTIONS The Bruce to Barrie route is

essentially the route the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) opposed during the nine-year battle over the Bruce to Milton transmission corridor, said Mr. Kldd. At that time, Hydro insisted the area was too environmentally sensitive to put a line through it.

"Now they say systems have changed and the Bruce to Barrie, or Essa - Hydro used the names interchangeably route is necessary too", said Mr. Kidd. "Systems had nothing to do with their refusal to consider it. It was strictly environment then.

"I'd like to know how the environment has changed to make it feasible now but they won't answer that. They just

give you long, involved, technical answers on how the system planning has changed." Mr. McDermid refused to

explain any environmental changes when The Mercury again posed the question. He said it was a matter of the ICG wanting Bruce to Barrle Instead of Bruce to Milton. Hydro now agrees Bruce to

Barrie could be necessary but only as an addition, not a replacement, of the Bruce to

Mr. McDermid said there Barrie line was the one with

was no question the Bruce to the highest potential impact on

the environment but the potential impact on the overall environment was greater in a couple of other routes.

If the Bruce to Barrie line is not approved it is possible another line may have to bo installed at a future date to link Claireville to Barrie, said Mr. Kldd, to provide power north of Barrie.

Mr. McDermid sald the matter or providing power to northweastern Ontario will have to be dealth with separately from the present hearings. He speculated work on expansion won't happen this year, but "could begin next year."



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## McDermid task force underlines labor woes

Herald Special Hundreds of thousands of Canadians will remain unemployed while skilled jobs go to foreigners or go unfilled unless there are major reforms in the education and job-training systems, MPs from all parties said in a report Tuesday.

The seven MPs ended a year-long inquiry into employment opportunities in the '80s by making 186 wide-ranging proposals aimed at a massive increase in skilled job training, a significant reduction in illteracy and better matching of workers and jobs.

They found most employers do not train their own work forces, the federal government's job placement record had not improved in two decades, and schools were giving bad advice or not

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

advice on jobs to young

Warren Allmand, the Montreal Liberal MP who headed the parliamentary study, said they found a "rather scandalous" lack of co-operation in implementing billions of dollars worth of education and job training in recent years.

John McDermld, Brampton-Georgetown MP, said he and Jim Hawkes, Calgary East MP, the two Conservative members of the committee dissented on three majority of proposals. The committee urged gov-

ernment to follow a policy of full employment, "We think that is a worthwhile goal to shoot at," said Mr. McDermid, pointing out the dissent is the clarification.

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