

## If hydro strikes

# Town set for 2 power cuts a day

The majority of Georgetown, Acton and rural area residents should expect to lose electrical power twice a day for two hours at a time, starting Sunday if the province's 18,000 Ontario Hydro employees vote to go on strike at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

And the general manager of Halton Hills Hydro, Jerry Trudell, expects the hydro employees to strike. "They (the employees and management) are quite (far) apart, with only two days (of negotiations) to go."

But the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital power supply would be unaffected by a strike, said Mr. Trudell.

Mr. Trudell urges anybody in Halton Hills on a life support system to contact Halton Hills Hydro at 853-3700 immediately if a strike is called. People on life support systems shouldn't assume that Halton Hills Hydro knows of their condition. Mr. Trudell advises people on life support systems to make arrangements to obtain a generator in case of a strike.

The employees are asking for a two-year contract with 11.6 per cent wage increase in the first year and a 9.5 per cent increase in the second year. The employees also want a cost of living clause during the second year of the contract, said Mr. Trudell.

Ontario Hydro management is offering wage increases of 5.2 per cent in the first year and five per cent in the second year, he said.

Hours of work and pensions are other major issues still separating the two sides, said Mr. Trudell.

## Michael Wilson is coming to talk tax

Canada's finance minister, Michael Wilson, is coming to town for a discussion on the federal budget and the goods and services tax May 23.

Mr. Wilson and Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner will hold a barbecue at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown, the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce says.

The chamber will host the barbecue.

Mr. Wilson will field questions but they must be submitted in advance to the chamber office, at Alcott arena before May 9.

The barbecue begins at 7:30 p.m. running until 9 p.m. with cocktails beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each. Proceeds from the evening will be presented to Mr. Wilson at the end of the night to be put towards the Canadian deficit.

For more information contact the chamber office at 877-7119.

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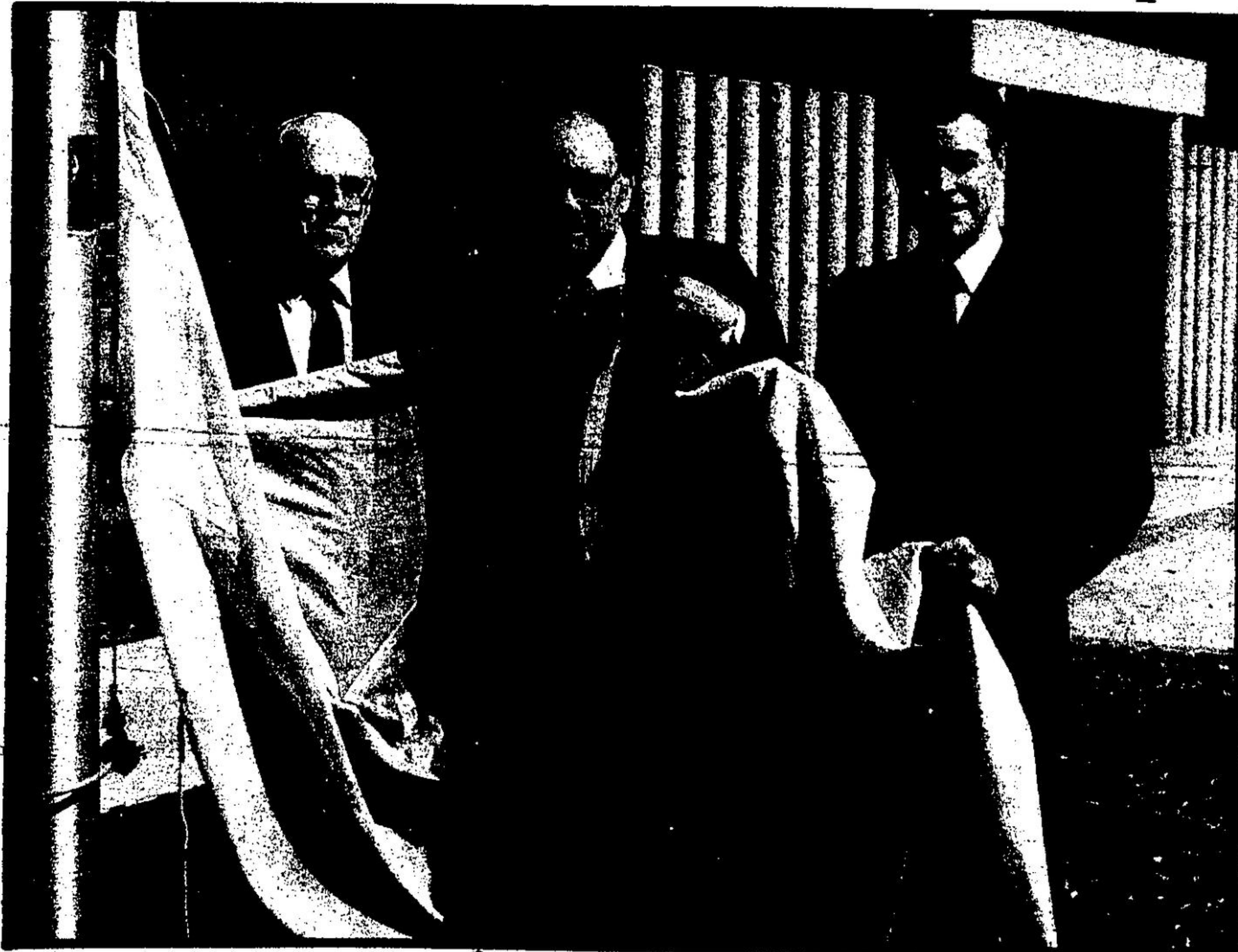


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# Supreme Court denies Milton dump site appeal



## Joining the fight against cancer

The Georgetown Cancer Society kicked off cancer month with a flag-raising ceremony at the Halton Hills Civic Centre Wednesday. The cancer society hopes to raise \$110,000 in Georgetown in April. The campaign will officially get under way April 4 with a kick-off

breakfast at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Here, cancer society president Al Rorison (left), Mayor Russ Miller and fundraising chairman Paul Armstrong help raise the flag. The cancer society hopes to raise \$70 million nationwide. (Herald photo)

By BEN DUMMETT  
 the Herald

Halton Region is one step closer to getting a garbage dump in Milton on Highway 25 near Britannia Road.

The divisional court of the Supreme Court of Ontario released its decision Monday upholding a previous decision by the Consolidated Hearings Board to locate Halton's dump in Milton instead of Burlington.

The divisional court heard four days of arguments for and against the Milton site in February after the town of Milton, the Milton Area Citizens Coalition and National Sewer Pipe challenged the joint board decision.

Any individual or group, including these three, has until April 10 to ask the Ontario Supreme Court of Appeal to hear an appeal of the divisional court decision.

Milton's Mayor Gord Krantz said Wednesday Milton council will decide by next Monday whether the town will ask for an appeal.

But the Region's lawyer, Mark Meneray, said Wednesday it's unlikely the court of appeal will allow another hearing. The court would only allow a further appeal if an applicant could prove the divisional court decision wasn't entirely based on a point of fact or law, he said. And this is unlikely, Mr. Meneray said, because the divisional court decision was very strong in upholding the Region's position. All three judges who heard the case unanimously supported the Region, he added.

If the Milton site is finally approved it will open in 1992.

Halton residents could then expect their Regional tax bill to decrease, said Halton's treasurer, Joe Rinaldo. Regional councillors passed an overall budget earlier this year calling for taxes to increase by 10 per cent in 1990. And the skyrocketing of the Region's tipping fees - the price Halton pays per-tonne for waste disposal that is

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