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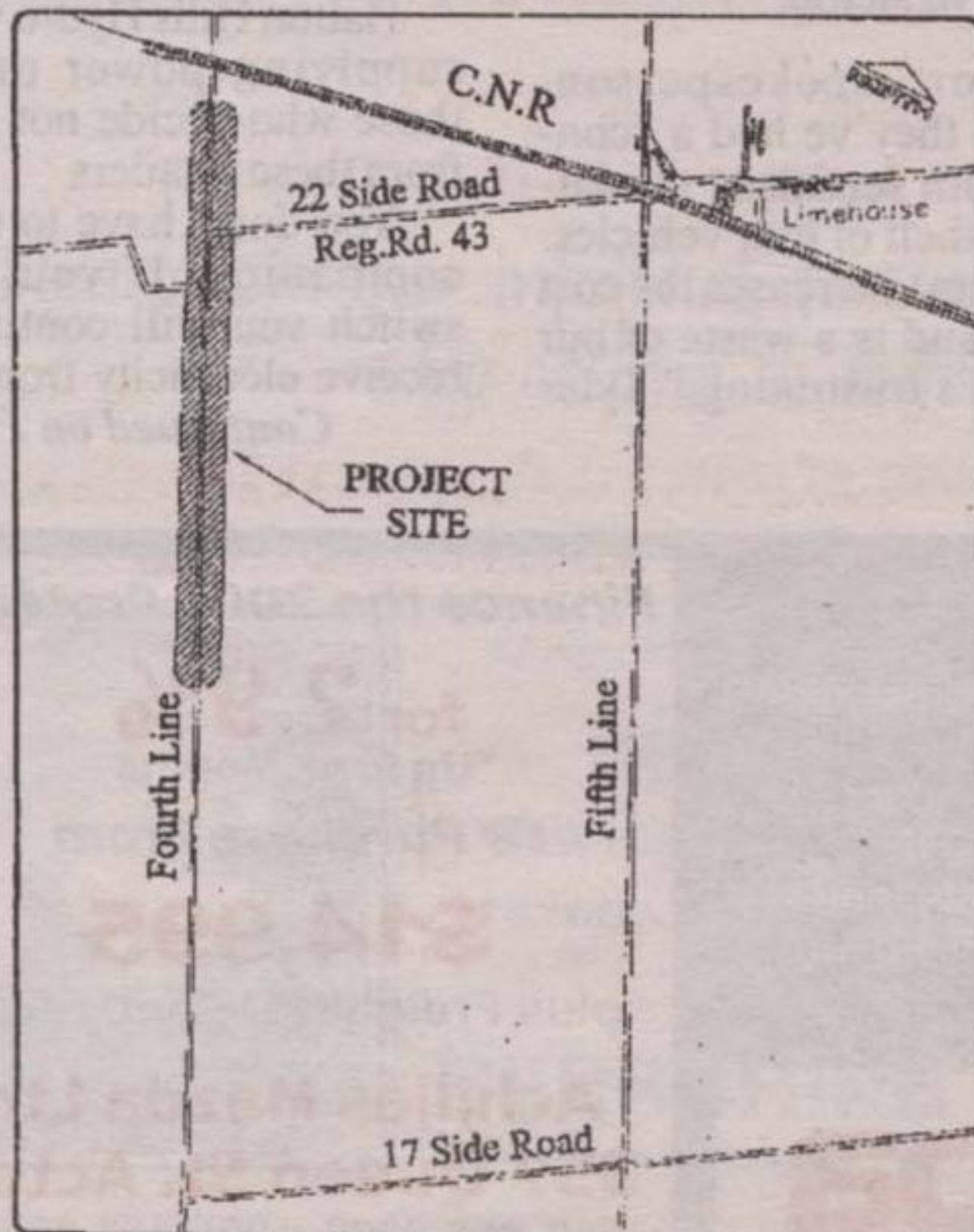
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 (1) of the Municipal Act, being Chapter M. 45 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, that the Council of the Twon of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Civic Centre at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 23rd and Monday, May 29th 2000, will consider passing a by-law for the reconstruction of the 4th Line from Lot 20 to Lot 23.

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-law are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. R. A. Goddard, C.E.T., Supervisor of Capital Works at 873-2601, extension 2310.

The Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department prior to the meeting dates.



Hydro dregulation

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local utility. Customers who don't switch will pay a price approved by the Ontario Energy Board.

If you decide to switch, says David Smelksy, manager of finance and administration for Halton Hills Hydro, make sure your energy supplier has answers to questions like: how you can get out of the contract if you don't like the service? Is their price really cheaper? What happens if the retailer is unable to fulfill its contractual observations? Is there a fee to switch?

Residential customers and many small businesses who sign a contract have a 10-day cooling off period. During that time you can change your mind and cancel without penalty.

It's confusing especially for those of us who wonder what the change is all about. Ontario Hydro and the local utility has been a safe and reliable supplier of power for Ontario since its inception nearly 100 years ago. But the



MILLENNIUM TREES: Hundreds and plants and shrubs are being planted near the shore of Fairy Lake by the Legion as a millennium project of the environmental group P.O.W.E.R. (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources.) Students from various Acton schools are helping with the project, including this group from Robert Little school. Front, left to right: Evan Colvin and Jeff Becker, Back: Kate-Lynn Christie, Samantha Lathan, Linda LaRose, Amber Price, Carney Bourgeois, Aaron Hnatiw, Betsy Davitt and Robyn Spers. — Frances Niblock photo

government feels Hydro must move away from a monopoly system.

Queens Park says that technological advances mean there's no longer a technical

reason for a monopoly since the capital cost of power generation have declined, allowing more companies to enter the business. They want a free market out there and see commodity prices come down with the competition although Ontario Hydro continues to produce 85 - 90 per cent of Ontario's power.

The government hopes new generating stations are started to compete with Ontario Hydro. "They could even buy power from Detroit Edison," remarks Smelksy. "Although we are still inherently a monopoly, there will be lots of competition in the marketing of energy."

What about the local utility? Halton Hills Hydro is still available for consultation on your power needs. The directors of what will be a private company have to ensure it is efficient and financially responsible.

The local hydro commission will be dissolved after the new board of directors is appointed - not elected.

Will it mean any difference in the number of employers and their job descriptions with so many companies under the one umbrella? Not much. Employees will be doing the same work as now. Some more could be hired only when necessary.

"We have to wring efficiency out of the present set up," says Dan Guatto.

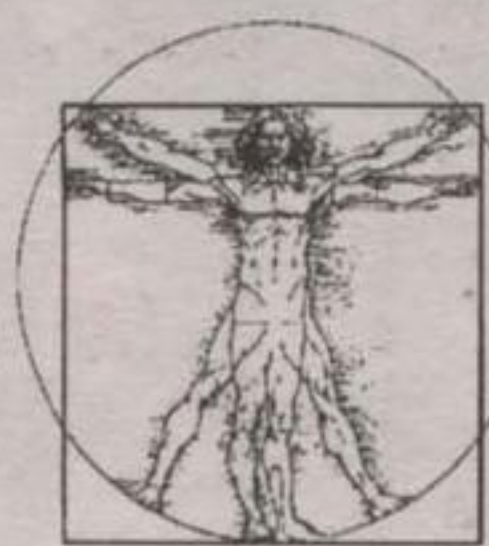
"Our main concern is that customers will sign up and pay more than they have to with private sales people. There is a risk.

"They don't have to do anything. - they can buy from us," Guatto says. "Will Halton Hills Hydro be the cheapest? Who knows yet?"

ROCKWOOD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

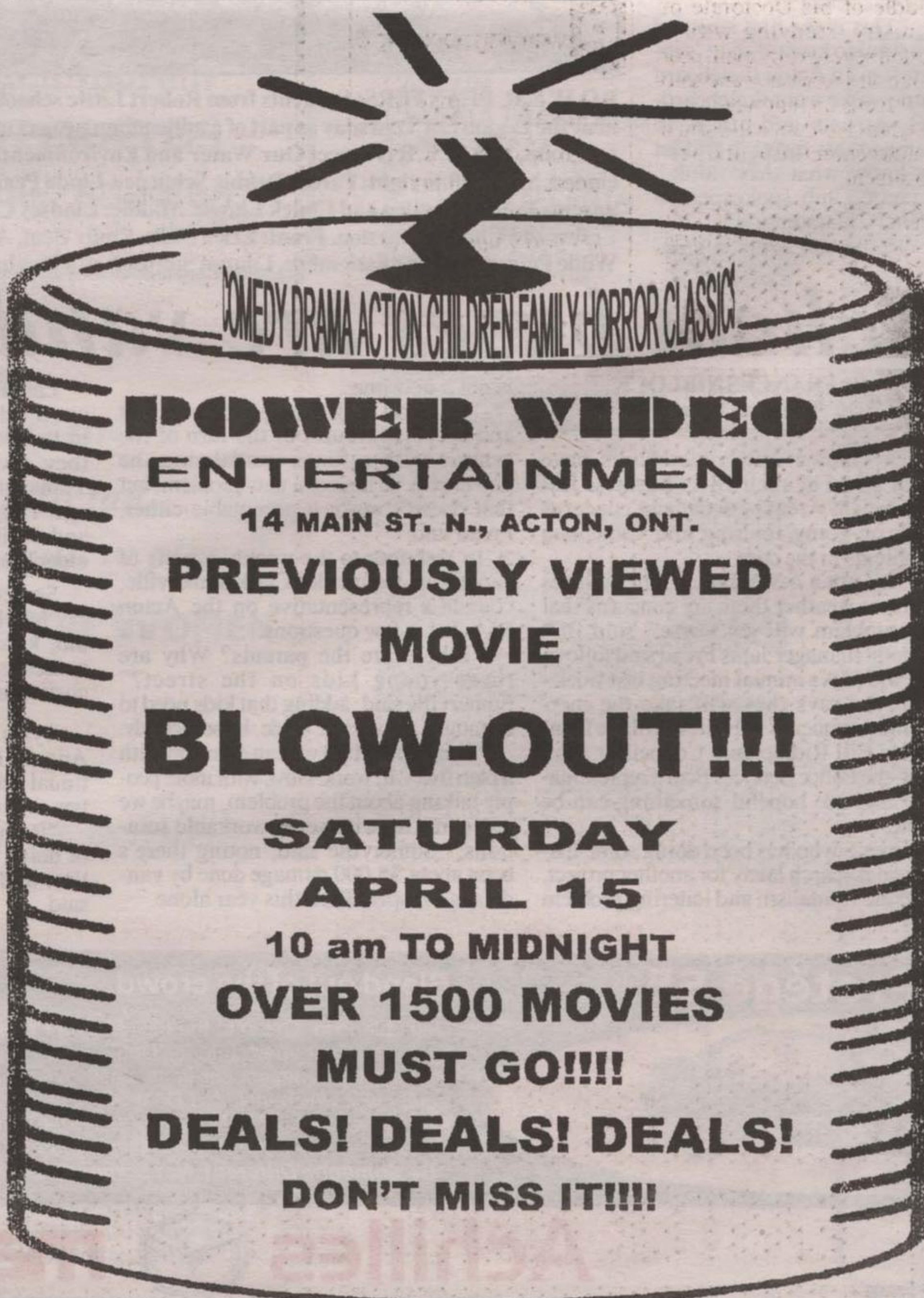
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