

Church/coffee house transforms road house

By Frances Niblock

The transformation of Manny's Roadhouse from a downtown bar to a multi-use community facility – including a church – is underway with new owners eager to revitalize a faded landmark and create a place where people will “go to find community.”

After months of delays, the deal for the Mill Street building – once a Quonset hut movie theatre, and most recently home to Manny's bar and stage – closed July 15, and after a major cleanup, cleanup is underway by the new owners who have plans for a coffee house, concert stage and church.

The local owners include Pastor Richard Stanley of Crossings Community Church, a relatively new Acton church that until last Sunday, met in the Old

Town Hall.

Faced with a growing number of people interested in Jesus, but not in going to church, Pastor Stanley said they were looking for another way for people to learn about spiritual things as they looked for a permanent home for the growing congregation.

“We were looking for a different way to do church, but we didn't set out with

this in mind,” he said last Thursday.

“As we talked, there were some investors who were willing to buy the building. Other people came forward with the coffee house idea, and it just seems it all came together at the right time with me saying I'd like a space to do church in,” Pastor Stanley said.

The investors include Bob

and Madeleine Attrell, Tim and Darlene Albert and Pastor Stanley's brother Steve Stanley, a designer for the television show “Degraasi: The Next Generation” who designed a new proposed façade for the building, reminiscent of the old Roxy Theatre days of the late 1940s.

The plans call for major renovations and then long-

term leases to the church, and to Roxy Music and Roxy Coffee, described in a brochure that will be distributed to the community later this month as a “a relaxed café that will serve quality coffees, teas, light meals and desserts” where people can relax and meet with friends.

The group hopes to schedule music concerts, lectures, dances, games nights and

youth events in the back half of the building, where Crossings Community Church now meets on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Stanley said Town staff seemed “quite interested” in the plans at a pre-consultation meeting, and they hope to have architectural drawings ready to submit to the Town for a building permit before the end of the month.

“Optimistically, we're hoping that maybe by the October time period we could be construction and then with an optimistic time frame of around Christmas time to see Roxy Coffee/Roxy Music to open up.”

The brochure that will be distributed outlining their plans says that financial partnerships are needed to make the project a reality and that Crossings can issue charitable donation tax receipts.

Search for water continuing

At its August 13 meeting, Town planning staff will provide councillors with a list of which developers have a water allocation and ware holding, and which are in a queue waiting.

Halton has frozen new development in Acton while it searches for new water supplies to handle existing needs, and the Town is trying to wring every drop it can from the system to allow much-needed industrial/commercial growth

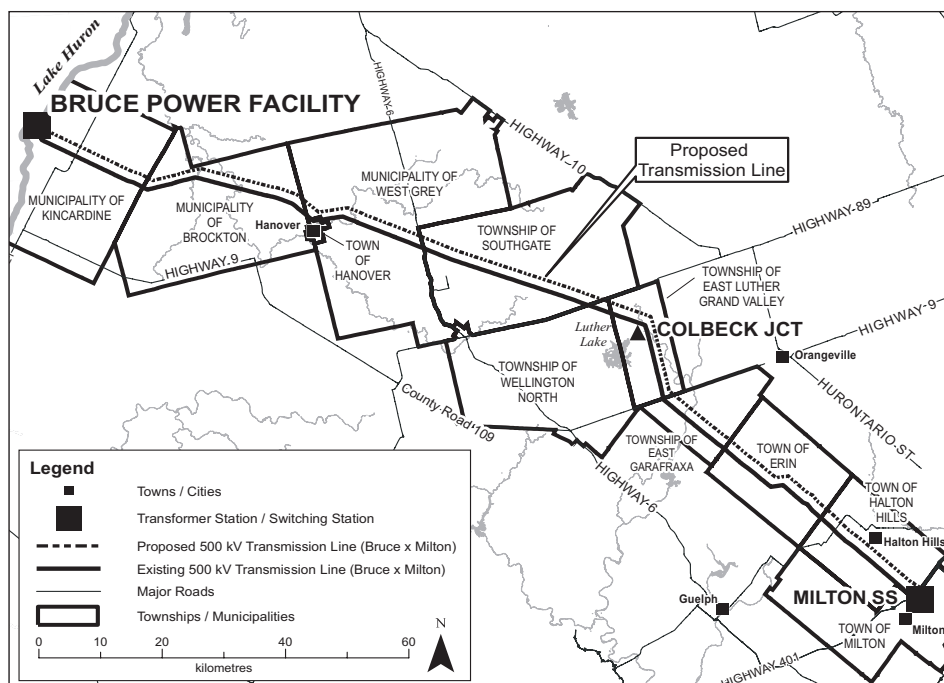
by “recapturing” any water allocations that have been given to developments, but not used.

Two of three Acton developers asked to justify not using their allocations said they are ready to build, subject to site plan approval and information on the third – water for the vacant office at the Shoppers Drug Mart plaza – will be available in a report to Council for the August meeting.

At a recent council meeting, Planning Director Bruce McLean said there is merit in keeping developers who are not proceeding “on a short leash” so they can recapture water allocations and re-assign them to those who do want to proceed. He was asked to provide an updated list of whom has water and who wants water at the next meeting along with a policy to be followed by the Town to recapture un-used water allocations.

Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Keeping You Informed

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Hydro One is committed to providing you the information you need to participate in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Ontario Energy Board (OEB) planning and approvals processes for the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project. Over the coming months, watch for our newsletters, newspaper ads and public information centres and visit our website regularly for the latest updates about our proposal to build a new 500 kV transmission line on a widened existing corridor from the Bruce Power Facility in Kincardine to Hydro One's station in Milton.

Spring Public Information Centres (PICs)

Hydro One wishes to thank those who participated at our spring PICs. Between April 30 and May 9, over 500 people visited our seven PICs from Kincardine to Halton Hills. Your input is important and will be addressed in our EA process. The *Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement PIC Report, June 25, 2007* documents this process, public issues and concerns and our responses. Download a copy of the report from our website to learn more.

WHAT'S NEW THIS SUMMER?

Project Newsletter #2

• The second issue of the *Bruce to Milton Connection* is available on our website or by calling 1-877-345-6799. This issue focuses on landowner interests and also includes a project update, information on the EA and Ontario Energy Board processes and a summary of our spring PICs, so it may be of interest to all stakeholders.

Ontario Energy Board Application Review

- Early Access to Land - an oral hearing will take place in Orangeville on July 30 and 31, 2007. The hearing will enable the OEB to rule on whether, and on what terms and conditions, Hydro One may enter properties along the widened transmission corridor in order to conduct a number of low impact activities, such as soil testing, and legal, biological and archaeological surveys. Intervenor and Hydro One will present arguments in support of their respective cases.
- Leave to Construct - an oral hearing has been scheduled to begin on January 14, 2008. This hearing will focus on the need for the project and its impacts on consumers regarding reliability and price of electricity.
- To learn more about these applications and hearings, visit the the OEB website at: www.oeb.gov.on.ca/html/en/industryrelations/ongoingprojects_bruce_milton.htm or call its toll-free number at 1-877-632-2727.

Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (ToR)

An EA Terms of Reference outlines how the EA process will be conducted and the scope of analysis. The draft EA ToR for the Bruce to Milton Transmission Reinforcement Project is posted on the Hydro One website. Commenting on the Terms of Reference is another way the public can participate in the EA process.

A Proposed EA ToR, which includes agency, stakeholder, Aboriginal groups and public comments, will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment for approval in early August. The Ministry of the Environment will then initiate its review process of the document. Watch for the **Notice of Submission of the Terms of Reference** in this newspaper in August and for details on how you can provide comments.

Upcoming Events

OEB Access to Land Hearing in Orangeville	July 30 – 31, 2007
Terms of Reference Submitted to Minister of the Environment	August 2007
OEB Leave to Construct Hearing Begins	January 14, 2008

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