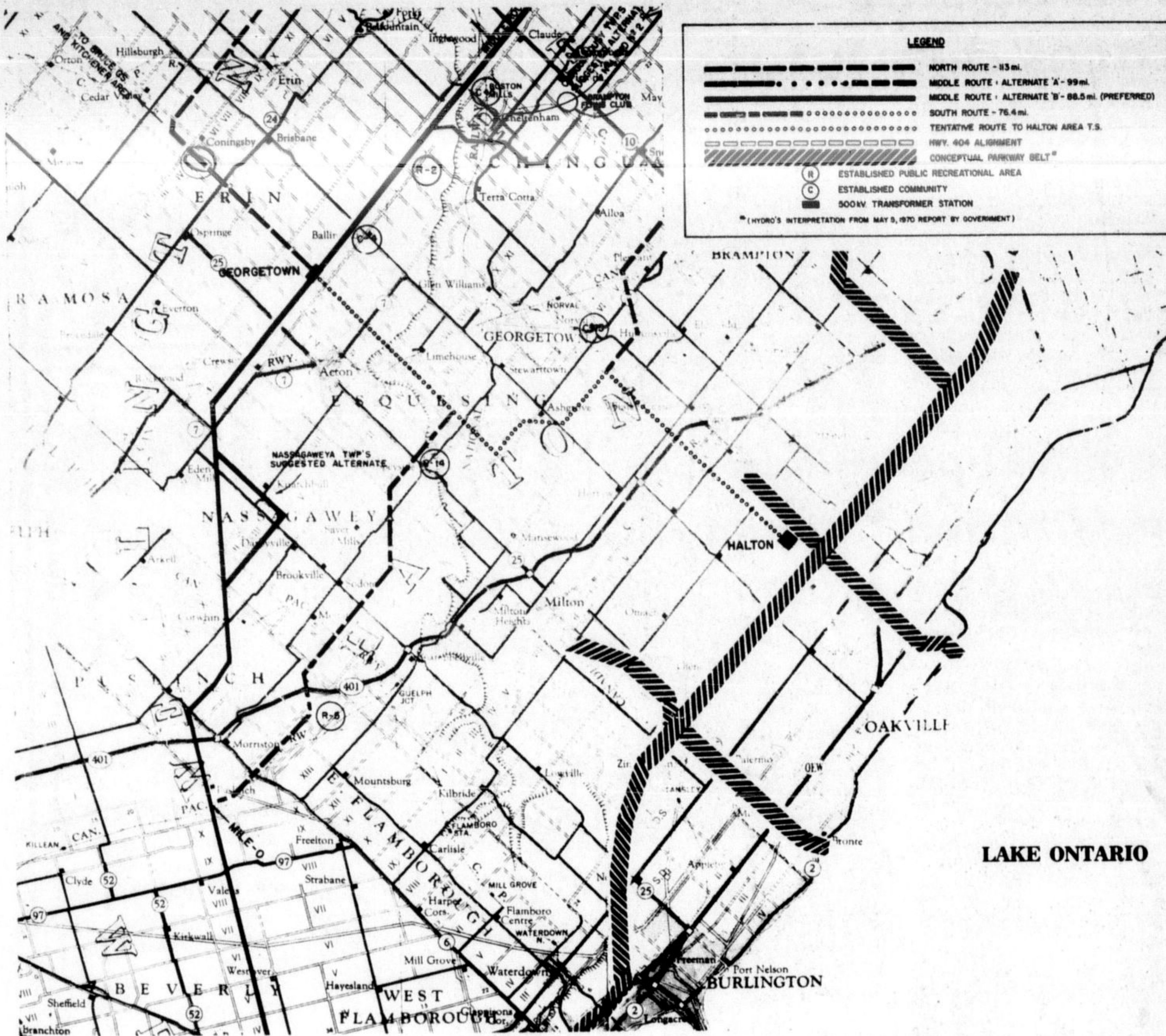


Library open more hours opening mornings at 10

—Milton's weekly farmers market is a popular meeting place for many.



ONTARIO HYDRO MAP showing a route for the proposed north-south power corridor in Halton from Ballinafad south to Drumquin has upset residents in the 10th Line Esquesing and Ninth Line Oakville areas. They are presently circulating a petition seeking 200 names, protesting the 450 foot wide swath the line will need. Residents claim it will slice farms in half and destroy many area homes. The line would link up with the proposed Nanticoke to Pickering 500 kv transmission line, which is also a subject of protest and currently being aired at the Solandt Commission hearings.

Commencing next Monday, Sept. 18, Milton Public Library is extending its opening hours. From this date the Library will be open every morning from 10 a.m. (with the exception of Mondays - when the Library will open at 12 noon). The eight hours of extra Library service, which are being made available to the residents of this area, indicates just one of the many ways in which the Library is continuing to improve and update Library facilities.

This winter the Library has planned a series of film programs and two concerts for adults and children. In addition there will be a weekly program of storytelling for pre-school children. These programs will commence in October, and readers should check The Champion for dates and details.

Patrons of the Library who have been on vacation through the summer will notice the staff is continuing to have the best and newest fiction and non-fiction books and has also expanded the collection of records quite considerably this year.

Several 16 MM and 8 MM films are also available. The selection of films is varied and interesting. Projectors for both types of films may be hired at a nominal fee.

"Information, education and entertainment are all available at your Library. We hope you will use it, and support it," says Librarian Mrs. J. Conway.

"P.S. - Visit our booth at the fall fair, Sept. 22-23, and meet your library trustees," she adds.

Want school preserved for library or museum

Judging from the flood of replies received from The Champion's "Bruce St. School Survey" last week, more Miltonians want the old school building preserved for a library and/or town museum than any other reason.

Several replies to the survey have come in to date and the survey form is reprinted in today's paper, so more are invited.

Close to half the respondents felt a library and/or town museum would be ideal uses for the school. Several suggested an art gallery, a community centre and meeting place. Other suggestions included a youth centre, offices for Halton Region Conservation Authority, a day care centre and a large central park.

All the respondents to date want the building preserved. They cited its historic and sentimental values and stressed its unique architecture. E. W. Foster, Milton's "Mr. Education" and a principal at that school for many years, suggested the school should be a county "showplace—to show elementary pupils in Halton what a 19th century school was really like."

FIRST DEGRADABLE PLASTIC

Bio-Degradable Plastics, Inc. (BPI), Boise, Idaho, has begun manufacturing photodegradable and biodegradable plastic lids for cold drink cups. The lids, thought to be the first degradable plastic product in the U.S., begins to disintegrate in 30 to 90 days after exposure to sunlight.

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Homeowners protest Escarpment policy Hornby hydro lines upsets Nassagaweya

Homeowners and farmers on Esquesing's 10th Line and Oakville's Ninth Line and others in the area around Ashgrove are currently circulating a petition protesting Ontario Hydro's plans to reroute a new hydro corridor from the Fifth Concession through their area.

The proposed north-south corridor, which links with the large Nanticoke to Pickering transformer route near Ballinafad, will travel close to the back yards of no less than 29 homes on the 10th Line between Five Sideroad and Steeles Ave., and will dissect good farms along the way, claims their petition.

Back to first route
Organizers report they are seeking 200 names on the petition. They ask Hydro, through the Solandt Commission hearings, to revert to its original plan to run

the line south from Ballinafad through the Fifth Concession until it reaches an area south of Britannia Rd. in Oakville, then veer east to link up to the Drumquin Transformer station.

Hydro originally proposed that route, say the petitioners, but a map released recently shows the route has been changed. It now travels south from Ballinafad through the Fifth Concession centre line, but when it reaches Five Sideroad in Esquesing it veers east, south below Ashgrove on the Seventh Line, east again to a point just west of the 10th Line, then directly south. The line would follow the 10th Line on the west side of the road and continue south to the Drumquin transformer station on the east side of Oakville's Ninth Line.

The main Nanticoke to Pickering line is to cut a swath

610 feet wide and residents learned the substation line through Esquesing and Oakville will be 450 feet wide.

In their submission the ratepayers claim visual impact could be kept to a minimum if the original (Fifth Concession) route is retained, and that route would also mean less disruption of farming operations. Two homes would sit 700 feet from the line and it would not be necessary to remove any buildings.

More farms and rural residences will be affected if the Hydro adopts its newest route, they said. Several buildings will have to be removed and some people would lose their homes. "There would seem to be no valid reason for considering a turn away from the Fifth Concession," the petition concludes.

Escarpment policy upsets Nassagaweya

Cries of "theft" were hurled by Nassagaweya councillors on Monday night when Council reviewed a proposed plan by Design for Development, a provincially appointed body.

Design for Development is studying the work and recommendations of the Niagara Task Force. The Task Force has been conducting seminars and studies in an effort to formulate a policy to protect the Niagara Escarpment.

Under proposed land use plans being considered by Design for Development, Nassagaweya residents who own escarpment land will have their property's value lowered considerably, claim the councillors.

Set meeting
An open meeting with officials of Design for Development, Nassagaweya Council and Planning Board has been tentatively set for early October to discuss the future of escarpment property in the municipality.

Councillors studied a map, created by its own municipal staff, which outlined the area affected. Land from Steeles Ave. to 15 Sideroad and across to the Guelph Line are in the Escarpment area and subject to an interim "no development" policy.

A two stage plan, whereby some lands would be set aside as escarpment land at the present time, and other lands would be designated as no development areas some time in the future, has been advanced by Design for Development.

The first stage of the plan will affect about 7,200 acres according to municipal officials.

Freeze use?
Council has been asked to amend its official plan, so no development will be approved on escarpment lands—"as an interim use only"—until the government body can create a definite policy.

Councillor Jim Watson attacked the idea of amending the plan. He said rezoning of the land amounted to stealing it. There were other ways such as buying or leasing escarpment sites which were more suitable, he said.

In an after-council interview, Watson said any rezoning of escarpment land would result in either freezing land for present use or turning it into recreational use.

During Monday night's

Solandt Commission will hear district briefs

Briefs from Esquesing, Erin and Chinguacousy townships will be presented at a public hearing of the Solandt Commission at Central Peel Secondary school in Brampton, Wednesday night, September 13.

The hearings are being held as a result of a 5,000 name petition which was presented to Premier William Davis opposing the 147-mile long 500 KV hydro line from Nanticoke to Pickering, proposed by Ontario Hydro.

The commission was informed Thursday that the power grid to be built in 1977 will require 44,000 acres to secure rights-of-way and cost \$459 million.

Second line
Hydro's original submission to the Solandt enquiry referred to the second 425 foot wide north-south right-of-way through Halton, originating at a transmission station north of Acton to another station near Drumquin, in the southern part of the county. The station, near Acton, has been proposed for the farm of Lorne Saunders, between the Fourth and Fifth Lines of Erin township. It will hook into another grid which originates at the Bruce nuclear power station and likely require about 125 acres at that point.

The north-south corridor will likely be two towers wide and require from 400 to 500 feet right-of-way. Towers will be approximately 100 feet high.

Total length of the grid will be 650 miles and land acquisition by Hydro of 44,000 acres will boost total holdings by nearly 22 per cent. Hydro owns 200,000 acres of land in the province now.

The new disclosures at last week's meeting were roundly criticized by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens' spokesman Lee Symmes of Terra Cotta. He

said that if Hydro gets started on the first line they certainly would not likely be changing any plans

O'Connor Limit use of signs

Terry O'Connor, Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton in the federal election has suggested a treaty be agreed upon by liberal MP Rud Whiting, the NDP candidate and himself concerning the battle of the signs.

In a letter to both NDP Halton Federal Committee and Rud Whiting, O'Connor suggests limiting the use of signs. He said he feels the candidates can achieve the needed exposure without ecological blight.

Limit signs
"I propose to you, as an opponent, that we agree to limit sign and poster usage to private property, both residential and commercial. Large numbers then would not create merely a facade of support because presumably the property owners' permission to place the sign indicates his voting support for one's candidacy. More significantly the defacing effect on the landscape of a forest of signs along the roadside, utility poles and other public premises would be greatly alleviated. Surely we can satisfy the necessity of communicating with our electorate through the many other less aesthetically destructive media—pamphlets, newspapers, radio, T.V., door-knocking, the public platform, etc.—as well as signs on private lawns and commercial establishments," O'Connor said.

for the rest of the grid, which will affect this area.

The main Nanticoke to Pickering grid passes through Erin, Eramosa and Nassagaweya townships in this area. The north-south corridor will also affect many properties in Esquesing and Erin.

Residents of the area have become increasingly concerned over the disclosures as they have been released by Hydro and some petitions are being circulated as well as briefs and letters for the Solandt Commission.

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens has urged Hydro to make more economic use of the land, use less of it and reduce the height and number of towers planned.

Mrs. Audrey Symmes suggested that if residents of this area did not look after their own interests the entire grid would go through as Hydro officials planned. She pointed out the CCC hoped to make Hydro fully aware of all the poor visual influence the proposed line could cause as well as the loss of the land.

Three unit . . .
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Burlington would be sufficient, the Burlington brief said.

To Lower Base Line
Oakville's brief recommended splitting Halton into three areas—Oakville, Burlington and north Halton, with the northern boundary of both Oakville and Burlington at Lower Base Line Rd.

Further details on the various briefs and the discussions at Saturday's conference will be found on Page B1.

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