

Seems most logical

# Esquering committee favors new alternative for Hydro corridor

The three member Esquering citizens' committee appointed to recommend a township policy towards the controversial 500KV Ontario Hydro transmission corridor, will make a written report of their findings to the township council at a committee

meeting next Monday. However, the trio left no doubt as to where they stand regarding the three alternative corridors presented by Bruce Howlett's environmental planners at Monday's meeting of Esquering Council.

Spokesman, Mrs. L. R. Symmes, said they favored Hydro taking the shortest route for the corridor, which runs closest to the lakeshore. They were also favorably impressed with the alternative which had been suggested at an Acton meeting conducted by Mr. Howlett where the corridor would follow 401 Highway from Halton substation near Milton to a point near Guelph, and from there to the Douglas Point generating station on Lake Huron. It is known as a modified 'Q'.

"We feel this is a good alternative," Mrs. Symmes said, noting it would avoid Esquering altogether. The most southerly route for the East-West corridor was also the most logical one, she declared.

Mrs. Symmes statements were backed up by Mrs. H. Moulden and H. Link, the two other members the township council appointed to the committee.

**Saving in distance**  
She noted that if the North-

South line followed a route to a link-up closer to Guelph there would also be a considerable saving in distance, 89 miles as opposed to 111 if the corridor followed a more westerly direction to link up with a substation near Acton.

Mrs. Symmes said public opinion had been in favor of a utility corridor concept and the routes they favored fell into the proper categories.

Councillor George Maltby noted there had been unanimous support from the Acton meeting for the alternative suggested by John Schneider. But can we convince Hydro? he asked. The link-up point to the Bruce generating station was still up in the air, he said, because the newest alternative had never been studied.

Mrs. Symmes said the link-up cannot be selected until the Howlett study picks an east-west route.

There were other problems, too, said Councillor Dick Howitt. He attended a meeting Monday with BHI and four representa-

tives of Hydro regarding the modified 'Q', where Hydro stated it could present difficulties with two lines from Nanticoke and three from Bruce in close proximity.

He said it had been Hydro policy to keep at least five miles between corridors for security purposes, which was not necessarily blowing up of lines, but disasters such as had occurred at Brighton on the weekend.

Howitt said Hydro will consider a route from the Bruce to the Guelph area and then along 401 but they also want other alternatives to consider. It is up to the environmental planners to list them in order of preference.

**Line to Kitchener**

Future Hydro plans also include a feeder from the Bruce line to Kitchener. Howitt felt this was another strong argument for locating the line from Bruce into the Guelph area. He noted that the modified 'Q' had been officially recognized at subsequent public meetings and was being considered in other areas, which

he felt was a mark for the BHI study.

Howitt told council he had never really grasped the full significance of the maze of hydro corridors and substations until he studied the matter thoroughly. He said it would have a "tremendous" impact on the areas it follows.

Deputy Reeve Len Cox warned also that alternatives which were not selected in the first corridor could later be used for intersecting lines so great care must be taken in their selection.

Mrs. Symmes acknowledged this, noting Esquering was going to be criss-crossed with lines sooner or later, but felt the lines should stay in the centres of population and work their way north as population and demand expands.

Reeve Tom Hill thanked the Esquering committee for the time and effort they had put into their study and promised council would back recommendations in their written report.

## Conservation briefs

At a recent meeting of the Halton Region Conservation Authority Executive:

—Vice-chairman Alan Wright asked for copies of maps showing the exact location of the proposed parkway belt in Halton to be sent to each member of the authority so they could prepare recommendations on the green belt to be forwarded to the provincial government.

—Treasurer Max Hatherley reported a \$3,351 excess of expenditures over revenue (excluding a deferred loan repayment) for the period up until the end of June for the Glen Eden Ski Area. The loss was attributed to poor weather conditions during the ski season.

—Members resolved to ap-

proach the townships of Nassagaweya and East Flamborough concerning the installation of crossing signals and gates at the railway crossing at the entrance to Mountsberg Wildlife Preserve. The authority will pay a share of the costs.

—A resolution to send one staff and one authority member to a soil conservation conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas was amended to include a second authority member. The Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 conference will be attended by authority members Ken Bush and Brock Harris. A rough estimate of \$400 per person was made by treasurer Max Hatherley.

—Maplehurst Detention Centre is growing daily at the north entrance to town.



Indian pow wow participants have fun at Rotary Park



**VETERINARIAN**  
John Robert Lichtenberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lichtenberger of 4420 Walker's line, Burlington, recently graduated with honors as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph.

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