



Kilbride hydro brief objects to BHI study

Kilbride and district area citizens decided at their Thursday night meeting to continue with the services of John F. Betak, Geographer at McMaster University, retained to prepare their brief to the Solandt Commission. Mr. Betak will be present at the hearings today to cross examine Bruce Howlett, environmental planning consultant to the commission.

The Kilbride brief raises several fundamental objections to the BHI study and proposals on the grounds of poor and/or invalid research design and analysis. It also raises several general questions of both the BHI report and Ontario Hydro's apparent policies, which also call into doubt the validity of the proposed options for transmission line alignments.

Concerning deviations of the measurement system used by Howlett from measurement models, the brief states, "...we are concerned about the relationships between the measurement system and the real world... it is logically

impossible to aggregate individual values to obtain social choices."

Criticizes questionnaire
Criticizing the questionnaire circulated by Howlett, the brief claims that categories are not mutually exclusive, e.g. areas of scenic quality may include vegetation, streams and wildlife, which may all be included in parks and recreation areas such as Rattlesnake Point. In addition, within single categories, mutually exclusive items are combined, e.g. hydro lines, railroads and gas lines.

The brief also questions the tabulation of the Route Questionnaire Response stating "we have the distinct impression that BHI committed a classical planning error of expending tremendous energy in collecting data and little effort in designing instruments and analytical frameworks".

Concerning the administration of the questionnaire the following questions are asked, "Why were the individuals immediately and ad-

No change in Milton Assure councillors police office here

The Halton Regional Police planning committee has suggested to Mayor-elect Anne MacArthur that there be no change in the location of the Milton police department since it is adequate to continue serving the area.

Mrs. MacArthur read a letter to Milton Council-elect Friday evening from H. G. Wilson, chairman of the planning committee.

An earlier press release from the Halton Regional Police steering committee noted the recommendation to the yet-unnamed commission would be for a police headquarters in Oakville and district offices in Burlington, Georgetown and Oakville. It made no mention of offices in Milton.

The latest letter emphasizes that every effort has been made by our committee to minimize any change in policing within the region and as a result the present Town of Milton will see no change in its basic operation; however, there will likely be a change in administration until such times as the Ontario Provincial Police are phased out."

Mr. Wilson's letter noted earlier discussions with Mayor Best had indicated the present police office would likely be required for other municipal services. "Our committee discussed this again with Mayor Best October 15 and he, in my opinion, had not changed his thoughts on this matter and did suggest that we discuss the matter with you as Mayor elect."

The committee recommended that no change be made in the location of the

police presently located in the town hall, suggesting the accommodation is adequate, is ideal for an efficient police operation, centrally located, and is known to the general public.

Service continues
"Contrary to reports emanating from the news media there was never any thought to the closing of the Milton office and we definitely are of the opinion that all present police service to the public will continue with as little change as possible," the letter said.

Councillor J. Watson, commenting on the letter, indicated that was more in line with his interpretation of the steering committee's understanding than the earlier press release had been.



PACKIN' UP for the final time this year, farmers' market vendors closed their portable stands until next year, Saturday. The market was successful right up to the final day. Joel Stitt, above, loaded produce into the truck of Bruce Wallace of Burlington shortly before noon while Mr. Wallace waits to receive the goods. Mr. Wallace has been coming to the market since its inception two years ago and plans to return next year. Scott Pritchard, left, with a 75 pound sack of potatoes over his shoulder prepares to load the leftovers into the side of his truck while brother Guy looks on.

(Photos by D. Pink)

 new library
MILTON and DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Milton and District Horticultural Society held the Oct. 15 meeting in the Union Hall, Martin St. The president Mrs. Cox presided. Mrs. Bussell reported that the bus trip to the Winter Fair, Tuesday Nov. 13 would leave the Plaza at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Parker introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Shelagh Conway, Milton librarian. Mrs. Conway gave a review of the first library in Milton and the advancements until the present time. She explained how the books are chosen and recorded, and how the site for the new library was decided upon.

It was thought that the library is the best replacement for the Bruce St. School as it offers a continuation of education and learning. Mrs. Conway also gave an outline of the new building.

Present book
Miss Gladys Featherstone thanked Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Cox presented her with the book "The Story of the Ontario Horticultural Society".

The monthly flower show was called "fun night".

The judging was done by the audience. Each member was given red, blue and white tickets to be placed in a ballot box beside the display being judged.

The following are the results.
1. "Autumn Gold," design using autumn colors, 1. W. J. Thompson, 2. Margaret Thompson, 3. Allen Odenbach.
2. "Wild Flowers," no weeds, 1. Margaret Thompson, 2. W. J. Thompson, 3.

Hydro line

County council will let province decide

It didn't take much more than an hour for members of Halton County Council to realize they could not reach a consensus of opinion on a county brief to be presented to the Solandt Commission. Currently the commission's accepting briefs on the eventual location of the 500 KV hydro line across Southern Ontario.

Rick Gregotski, deputy planning officer for Burlington and Ed Cummings, planning director for Oakville attended the meeting to add planning expertise to the discussion.

Members reviewed briefs from the various municipalities and from Halton Federa-

tion of Agriculture and Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Differing ideas
The Federation brief favored a Highway 401 route. Burlington spoke in favor of a double line along Highway 401 through Halton and against any line or part of a line that would go through Rattlesnake Point area.

Milton's brief supports a route that would touch the northwest corner of Nassagaweya and pass through farming areas of Esquesing in a north-south direction, as proposed in the original hydro recommendation.

Some fiction
Nassagaweya Deputy

Sidewalk, services at Trafalgar Square gets nod by council

Sidewalk and servicing programs affecting Trafalgar Square were dealt with Monday as Brian Best declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting.

Council agreed to a sidewalk proposal which would provide sidewalk on the east side of Fulton St. to Pearl and on the north side of Pearl to the east limit of the Trafalgar Square project at the corner of Main and Fulton.

The town will pay 50 percent of the cost of the sidewalk to a maximum of \$1,727.13. It was explained the owner, with frontage on Main St. was not actually required to contribute to the sidewalk but had agreed to the 50 percent. Members unanimously approved the proposal.

Region meeting Monday

Each brief opts for a different route or series of routes in some shape or form. After the discussions had gone on for an hour members agreed the dialogue could not help but be carried on in a parochial manner.

All briefs available to the county will be sent to the Solandt Commission and it is hoped that by doing this, those in power to make the final decision will be equipped with information and objections from Halton municipalities.

The Solandt Commission is now holding special hearings and will make their recommendation to the Ontario Cabinet. The cabinet, in consultation with Hydro officials, will make the final decision.

Italian most popular

Just over 90 percent of Halton County residents claim English as the language most often spoken at home and their "official tongue" according to a Statistics Canada report issued this week.

Italian is the second most popular language with 2,325 Halton census respondents claiming it as the language "most spoken at home". German was third at 1,815; French fourth at 1,615; Ukrainian fifth at 660. A total of 5,520 residents claimed "other" main languages.

Census tabulations (in 1971) showed 10,810 of Halton's 190,463 residents were bilingual in English and

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