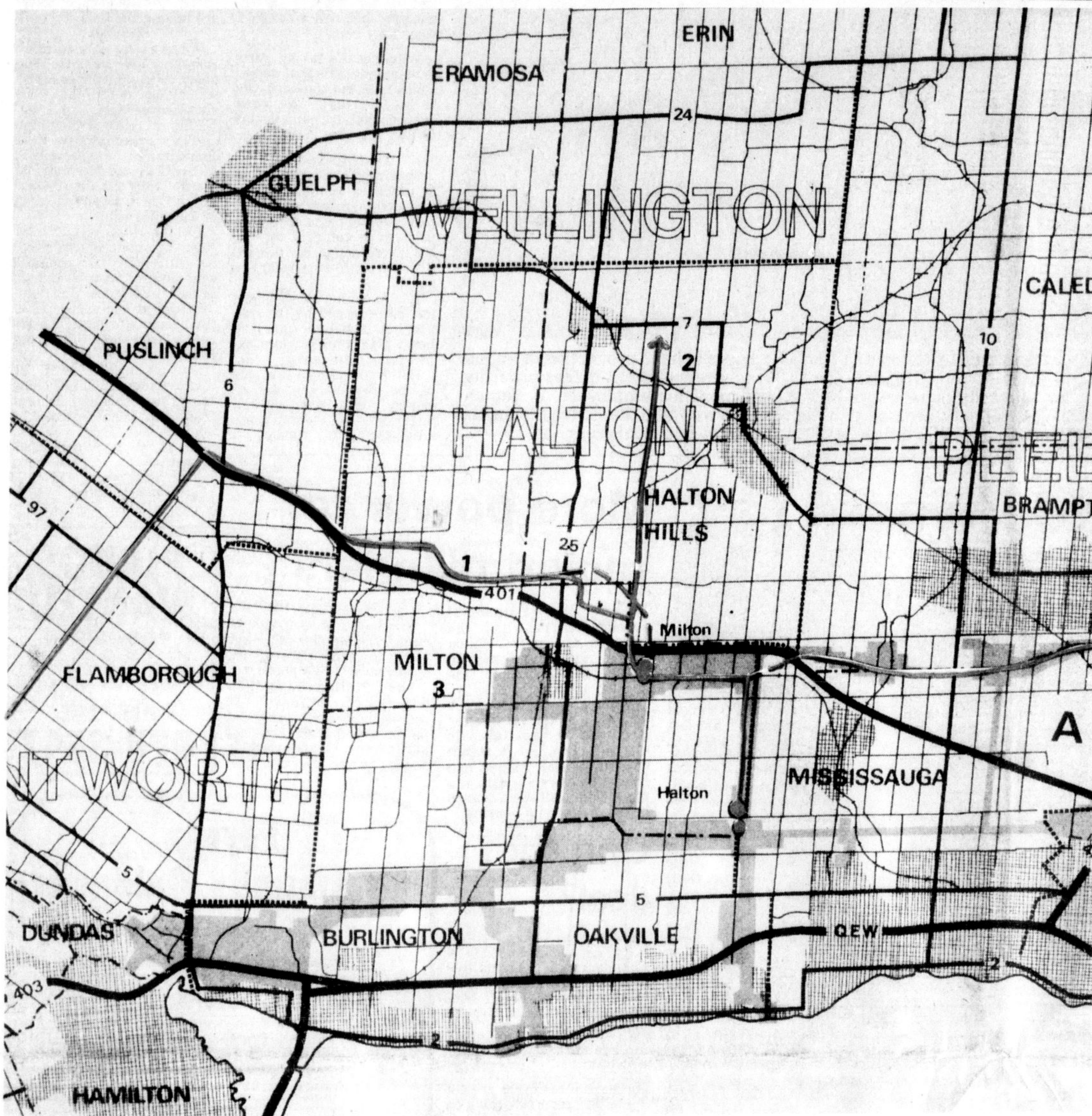


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TRANSMISSION LINE route released last week for the new hydro line from Nanticoke to Pickering is shown in red on this map. Shaded areas on the map are green belt areas. The route conforms largely to that recommended by Dr. Solandt except for modifications in the Milton area. The dotted line indicates the Solandt recommendation while the solid line following the

Set hydro route straddling Milton

Final location of the 500 kV hydro line from Middleport to Pickering was announced late last week. The route which will put an undetermined number of farms and homes out of operation has been the subject of task forces, public hearings and finally cabinet consideration for about three years.

The project is estimated to cost \$360,000,000 and is a key to a power grid that will connect the main load centres in southern Ontario along the shore of Lake Ontario to four major power plants, Pickering and Lennox in the East, Bruce to the northwest and Nanticoke to the southwest.

One of the major changes in the route sees the east-west line jog south as it crosses Highway 25 running south of Five Sideroad instead of north as it had in earlier propositions. It now runs through the proposed industrial area north of the urban section of Milton.

Less wooded land
The accepted route passes through more scrub land and less wooded area and crosses through the northern part of the Mohawk Raceway

property. The route was revised so it runs south of Hilton Falls Dam instead of going across the dam.

By running south of Boston Church instead of north it avoids crossing the Carney, Merry and Gardhouse farms. The Gardhouse farm however, is still sliced in half by the north-south line. While saving some farms the re-routed line will have a real impact on the Scotch Block area.

During a press conference Monday morning Halton MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow outlined the reasoning behind some of the changes.

He noted the 550 foot wide east-west string of towers will run through land the Town of Milton intends to develop as industrial land.

Industrial use
He claimed the hydro right of way can be used by industrial firms for storage yards, railway sidings, outside storage and other uses if and when industrial developers move into that area. He said he could see no adverse effect for future industrial use in that area.

Snow noted the farmers in the Fifth Concession had tried to have the north-south line from Limehouse south follow the railway line. Snow said the possibility was considered but rejected when that proposal would take 35 per cent more land, extend the route by two and a third miles and cost an additional \$4,000,000. The route would have spared farmers in the southern part of the Fifth Concession.

Snow noted almost all of the farms in the area of the north-south line will back up onto the line of hydro towers. He noted Reford Gardhouse's 200-acre farm was a notable exception to the pattern in the area. The line will slice the 200-acre farm in half.

Snow said he hoped that no 100-acre farm would have more than one pole in the middle of the farm. He claimed the poles would be situated 1,000 feet apart.

100 acres
The Milton transformer station will absorb 100 acres between the Fourth and Fifth Lines and be bounded by the CPR track and Given Rd.

The 100 acres set aside is

considerably less than what was earlier thought to be needed. That change comes about through changes in technology and different designs than earlier planned.

The route will be about 1,000 feet at its widest point where the Limehouse line and the east-west line combine and run south of Steeles Ave. into the Milton station.

Two corridors
From there two corridors branch out, one going to the Halton Station just south of Baseline Rd. in the proposed parkway belt and the second line runs onto Woodbridge.

Snow noted the Halton station had been moved further south in the Ninth Concession to spare market gardeners in former North Oakville. That station will absorb about 75 acres. The station will be west of the Ninth Line and South of Lower Base Line Rd., an area not extensively farmed, Snow said.

Snow noted there wouldn't be as many single poles as Dr. Solandt had envisioned. He noted the lattice poles cost less, were easier to erect and the single poles did little to enhance the countryside.

3 methods of acquiring land

Land required for hydro corridors will be purchased both by the Ministry of Government Services and Ontario Hydro. The Ministry will buy land in the Parkway Belt while Ontario Hydro will purchase land outside of the Parkway Belt.

Three methods of purchase, are being used, the Hon. Jim Snow told the press at a conference this week:

(1) Outright purchase where cash is given for full title to the land which includes all benefits which are available under the Expropriation Act. The land

can then be rented back to the farmer for one dollar an acre.

(2) Where the farmer wishes to retain ownership and grant an easement to Hydro, 75 per cent of the price that would have been paid if it had been sold, will be paid the farmer plus being paid for an additional acre for each tower situated on the land. For example, if the purchase price was \$2,000 an acre, under this option, the owner would receive \$1,500 for each acre, plus payment for towers.

(3) The third method of payment is for those who don't want a cash settlement and would settle for an annual installment payment. This will be based on the current bank rate of interest plus one-half of one per cent. For instance, if an owner had 20 acres at \$2,000 per acre and received \$30,000 for an

easement the annual installment would be based on the current rate of interest amounting to approximately \$3,600. Every five years the land would be revalued to keep payments in line.

The same deal for land applies whether it is purchased, or easements granted, to either the Ministry of Government Services or Ontario Hydro.

Jim Snow also pointed out that if the owner in the Parkway Belt wishes to sell his land rather than retain it with the disadvantages, the Ministry will buy it all. He emphasized this would apply only where there was an agreeable sale.

Snow said the Ministry had acquired most of the land for the new Bronte Park in an agreeable manner and he felt

it could be conducted in the Parkway Belt in a similar fashion.

Snow said he was very concerned about people in the area receiving a fair and equitable deal. He noted the landowners had the right to go to expropriation.

He noted all of the rights of the expropriation process would be available to the people but he hoped matters could be settled without losing the time that would be spent on expropriation.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur also expressed concern about people getting a fair settlement. She claimed the only fair method would be to bring all of the people into one room with the government buyer so that some don't settle for better prices than others.

"Will be shocker"

Town set to appeal region budget factor

"It's going to be a shocker," Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur said as she commented on Halton Region's first budget.

Milton Council agreed at a meeting Monday to appeal the factor used to determine equalized assessment for ward three or the former Nassagaweya Township.

Will appeal
Nassagaweya has successfully appealed the township's share of education costs for the past few years. The same factor is being used

to determine the regional levy. A forecast of what the regional budget will look like sees Milton paying \$687,394 or 8.3 per cent of the \$9,750,000 budget.

In mills that will see mill rates in the town varying from 15.37 mills for north Oakville to 23.31 for Nassagaweya. Former Milton would pay 19.49 mills in regional services, Esquimes 18.48 and former north Burlington 15.77 mills.

Because of the transfer of

responsibilities it is difficult to determine what the impact or increase to the ratepayer will be at this time.

Neither the regional nor the Milton budget is complete at this time. The degree of transitional and start up grants will have a substantial effect on the final tax bills.

Police costs alone will be close to \$5,000,000 exclusive of start up costs.

Hire specialists
During a meeting Monday night Milton Council agreed to hire land economists to prepare a case that the town could present to the Ontario Municipal Board in order to have the factor adjusted.

Sales of 10 lots separated several years ago created an inflated value for properties in the township and the inflated value is reflected in the factor, it was suggested.

Artifacts restored

Foundations in at agricultural museum

While local farmers may be praying for rain right now, at the agricultural museum site near Kelso, construction is just getting back onto schedule with the dry weather. The crew were continually pumping water from the foundation during the heavy rains earlier in the summer, but now the foundation walls are up above ground level and the gravel fill has been levelled under the sub floor. Museum supervisor Bob Carpent expects the steel work to begin soon.

Meanwhile artifacts for the museum are being filed, catalogued and cross-referenced by students on the agricultural ministry farm at Hawkestone, near Barrie. There are five university students trained in museum technology and cataloguing and two high school students to help them. When they are not busy keeping track of the artifacts, they work on restoring them. Some are

being prepared for display at the plowing match near Georgetown this fall.

Two more students, Janice Hunter from Burlington and Sue Powadiuk from Campbellville, are working from the Queen's Park office. They are taking inventory of all the museum's items presently on loan to other institutions so they can be included in the Hawkestone catalogue, as well as doing other research and background work. By the end of the month they will be helping organize the move of an 1835 farm house and barns in Burlington donated to the museum.

Plans for the entire museum site have just been approved and all the building and grounds work is expected to be finished by December. The museum will then be turned over to the Ministry of Government Services, which will furnish and equip it, and Mr. Carpent expects to begin moving artifacts in sometime early in the new year.

Youth in No Response

After two months of trying to interest Milton teenagers in finding "something to do", Doug Barr says the Youth In program organized by the Recreation Department probably won't happen.

Earlier this week he had twelve volunteers go door-to-door around town asking teenagers whether or not they were interested. The response so far has been overwhelmingly negative.

Previously Doug had spoken in the public and high schools and some people seemed interested. But no one came. Then he tried circulating pamphlets. Still no one.

"Unless something drastic happens," he says, "there won't be any program. The volunteers were a last ditch effort and it doesn't look like this has worked. They say they want it but they won't do anything."

Town may buy county garage

Halton Region Public Works Committee has agreed to sell the old county garage on Main St., Milton with the town of Milton having the first right of refusal.

The property and the building for the old garage was appraised at \$57,000 a year ago. The committee agreed to sell it for \$60,000.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur noted the town's garage isn't large enough to house all of the machinery that will be needed to serve the enlarged community.

Add parking lots at provincial bldg.

Tenders for new parking areas at the former county administration building on Steeles Ave., now the Ontario Government building, will be called this week.

Jim Snow, M.P.P. and Minister of Government Services announced the tender call this week. Specifications call for approximately 61,000 square feet of asphalt paving to

accommodate an additional 142 cars. Almost 30,000 square feet of sodding and 30 new trees are also included in the work.

Designed by the Ministry of Government Services staff the new parking lot is expected to take about two months to complete.

The building houses the registry office as well as court rooms and supporting facilities.

Review town service costs

Milton Council will review the capital levy structure with a view to reducing the impact for home buyers. As it stands now Milton charges \$1,205 for a single family dwelling and the region has imposed an additional \$600 for capital levies.

The levy is charged against each home built and is supposed to cover costs of extending sewer and water services as well as offsetting other services demanded of the town and region.

Under the county system no levy was needed at the senior level of government.

Some councillors felt the local levy should be reduced to bring the amount well down from \$1,800.

Council agreed to review the rates and agreed rebates could be given to anyone paying the higher fee if a lower fee was established.

May pave Mary St.

Work may proceed on the Mary St. reconstruction program soon with or without gas connections and mains being laid.

The work has been held up pending the settlement of a Union Gas Strike for several months now. Milton Council agreed to seek prices in putting a base coat of asphalt on the road to tidy the area up.

Deputy clerk Campbell Thompson noted the cost of the base asphalt would probably be about the same as it would cost to maintain the road in its present condition.

Final work can not be done until the gas company completes its work. That apparently can't be undertaken until the strike is settled.

Po Kuen Tong visits



When eight-year-old Po Kuen Tong goes to the Lido Restaurant in Milton it isn't so much to have a taste of the Chinese food as to talk in Chinese with Peter Hum and Tony Seto. All eyes turn her way as she gracefully wears her native Japanese kimono the yukata.

Po Kuen, known to her new-found Canadian friends as Kim, is visiting Milton this summer as a guest of her teacher Karen Coulter. She is Chinese, having been born in Hong Kong, but has lived her whole life in Japan.

Fluently bilingual in English and Japanese, Po Kuen attends the Stella Maris International School in Kobe, Japan. She began to learn English when she entered kindergarten. She has just finished grade two.

Likes peanut butter
Karen wants Po Kuen to have as many typical Canadian experiences as she can. She is enrolled at the day camp at W.I. Dick School and takes part in all the activities along with the rest of the children. When asked what she liked most about Canada she replied, "It's clean" and quickly added "I like everything, especially the peanut butter." Peanut butter is a rare treat for Japanese youngsters.

Well, she didn't have peanut butter when she visited the Lido one hot afternoon this week. And she didn't have Chinese food. Peter and Tony treated her to a big dish of cold ice-cream!

Karen and her husband both teach in Japan. While on a world tour they decided Japan was where they would settle for a while. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Connor of 380 Mountview Dr. and Lee is from Aurora. Lee teaches at Shoin Women's College in Japan.

Before returning to Japan Po Kuen will go on a two week camping trip to Halifax with Karen and Lee.

PO KUEN TONG is an eight-year-old Chinese girl raised in Japan. She is spending the summer on vacation with her teacher Karen Coulter in Milton. Po Kuen dressed in her kimono for the photographer who caught her playing in the garden with her pet rabbit.