



Switch bothers ratepayers

# McKeough confirms route

The Ontario Legislature this week confirmed the final route selected for Ontario Hydro's 500 kV hydro line which passes through central Halton on its way from Nanticoke to Pickering— including a last-minute switch announced in July which upset some Milton property owners.

People in the third, fourth and fifth concessions between Highway 401 and Five Sideroad, just northeast of the built-up area of Milton, had protested the government's July 11 announcement of a route switch game them no chance for input, but their protest was unsuccessful. Last week Darcy McKeough, Minister of Energy released the detailed outline of the hydro distribution system and the 500 kV line still cuts through that land.

No warning  
Scotch Block Ratepayers Association had protested the diagonal line running from Third Line at the CNR to the lot line between the Fourth and Fifth Lines, north of Highway 401. Earlier indications showed the line would cross those concessions north of Five Sideroad.

"We feel our rights to prior consultation have been sidestepped," treasurer Mary Timbers wrote. "We had no warning that such a change might occur—we have no opportunity to offer any input to this modification."

McKeough's official description of the hydro line route was published as follows: (Where it reads North Halton, the name Halton Hills was intended).

—Middleport Transformer Station, north through the Beverly Swamp on an existing Ontario Hydro right-of-way, and crossing Highway 401 just northwest of the intersection with Highway 6.

—The route parallels Highway 401 on the north side almost to the Halton-Wellington boundary, just east of the Mountsberg Reservoir.

—The route then diverges from Highway 401 to pass north of the Mohawk Raceway, but somewhat south of the Solandt route, passing over a greater amount of scrub land rather than wooded areas to the west

of the Raceway, and also embracing some of the northerly portion of the lands owned by the Ontario Jockey Club, adjacent to the Raceway's parking lot.

—East of the Raceway, the route turns south and then east to go through the narrow gap between Highway 401 and the rise of the Niagara Escarpment, staying to the north side of the Fifth Sideroad in Nassagawya Township but to the south of the Hilton Falls Dam.

—The route veers slightly northward to the back of the Barnes' property and over his quarrying operation, and then in an easterly direction staying north of the Fifth Sideroad in the Town of North Halton to the CNR railroad tracks.

—At the CNR tracks, the route turns south and follows the CNR right-of-way on the west side for a couple of thousand feet, then turns south-easterly on a diagonal to meet the north-south link from Limehouse.

—The route through the Limehouse area comes south, approximately down the centre of the Fifth Concession of North Halton to just south of the Fifth Sideroad, where the route veers slightly to the east of the boundary between the Towns of North Halton and Central Halton to meet the east-west corridor.

—The combined corridors from the 401 and Limehouse crossings then go south to Steeles Avenue at which point a further slight easterly inclination of the route is made for its entry into the Milton Station.

—The Milton Transformer Station is to be located south of Highway 401 between the Fourth Line and the Fifth Line in Central Halton and between Main Street and the CPR tracks on the north side of the tracks.

—From the Milton Transformer Station, two corridors go eastwards, one to Woodbridge and the other to the Halton Transformer Station. The routes are near to the CPR tracks and can either be to the north, or can straddle the tracks.

—The Oakville-Mississauga link into the Halton Transformer Station is to be located in the proposed Park-

## Foot care appreciated

The Health Screening Clinic for Milton senior citizens held last week at the Oddfellows Hall in Milton was such a success, it may be held on a regular basis. According to public health nurse Betty Mercer 26 persons attended the clinic and all but four were able to get there under their own steam. Transportation was offered by volunteers of the Rebekahs and Oddfellows.

Sponsored by the Halton Health Unit, the clinic consisted of blood pressure measurement, urinalysis, vision test and hearing test, foot care and a time to talk to the community nurse.

Foot care was of special interest to many attending the clinic as they took advantage of the opportunity to have their toenails cut and their corns pared.

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Dear Sir,

As a new subscriber to your paper, may I compliment you on the many interesting features I find in it, as well as the straight reporting of news and local happenings. As an out-of-towner, the final decision to subscribe to your paper was prompted by the fine series of articles on older houses of the area, by Joyce Beaton.

Perhaps because of my English origins I find them very interesting and believe that they will contribute greatly to the awakening awareness of Canadians for the necessity of preserving many of these lovely older homes, which are an essential part of Canada's heritage. I am also enjoying Ms. Beaton's new column and hope that it will be a permanent feature.

Bill Smiley's column is also on my list of 'pluses' for The Champion, and in fact it was this week's column which prompted the writing of this letter. His 'How I Love September' echoes my own sentiments on the Canadian weather calendar, especially April, which my husband insists is a 'good weather' month—to which I reply "Ech!!!!" and make other rude noises, since like Robert Browning, I have been in England when April was there! But ah, September and October in Canada cannot be surpassed—for me, it's a special clarity in the air which is almost jewel-like and difficult to describe.

After reading and agreeing with your description of September, Mr. Smiley—you then proceeded to jar me back to earth with your self-accusation of 'male chauvinism' because you wanted to get away from the wife and kids for a few days. Now, Mr. Smiley, what makes you think that this is a male-only emotion? You are pinning a 'male' label on a feeling which is shared by all members of the human family. There isn't a wife in the world who doesn't long to get away from her husband and family, for a few days before she goes completely mad. And let's face it, the look of glee on children's faces at the prospect of a few days away from parents is positively unholly. It's a very healthy, normal human emotion so please don't pin that stupid 'male chauvinism' badge on yourself because you happen to be feeling it.

Looking forward to many more issues of your paper.

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