

Hydro One asked to keep property owners in mind

Region wary of project's effect on residents

The Region is urging Hydro One to have the utmost consideration for local property owners when negotiating for the land needed to construct its proposed new 500-kilovolt transmission line.

A motion to that effect was passed by regional council last week regarding the \$600-million line that the utility plans to build between the Bruce power facility and its Milton switching station, spanning about 180 kilometres.

Hydro One wants to widen the existing corridor and construct the new line along the north and east side to avoid the need to establish a new right-of-way.

The company reports that rights to an additional 53 to 61 metres of land adjacent to the corridor will be required. Hydro One will have to obtain additional easement rights and, in a limited number of cases, purchase properties.

At the planning and public works committee meeting, Halton Hills

Mayor Rick Bonnette emphasized the impact the line will have.

He said over 66 landowners will be affected — largely in Halton Hills, but with a small handful in Milton.

"One or two may lose their house," he said.

He noted it also looks like some woodlots may be lost, along with eight acres of agricultural land.

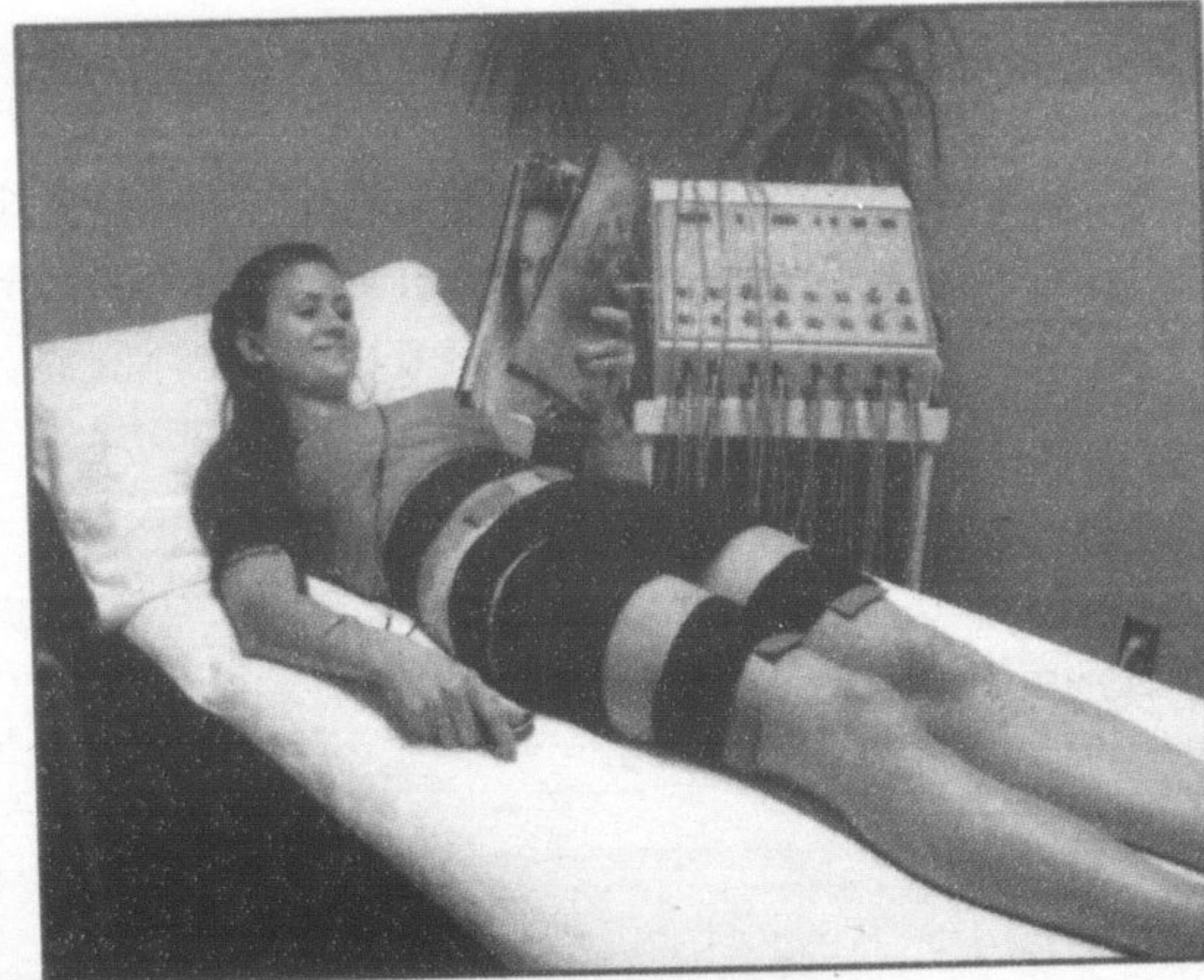
The motion approved by council asks Regional Chair Gary Carr to write to Hydro One urging it to undertake future negotiations with property owners in a fair, transparent and generous manner.

It also directs regional staff to be engaged in the environmental assessment process for the project, report back to committee when necessary and ensure pertinent information is posted at www.halton.ca.

A recent press release from Hydro One stated the company will work to ensure concerns raised by everyone impacted by the project are managed in a fair and responsible manner.

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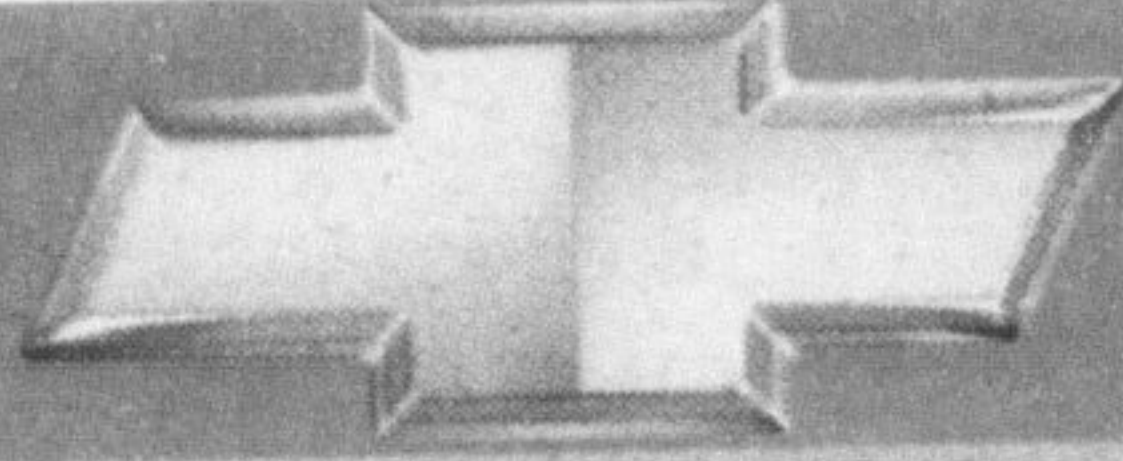
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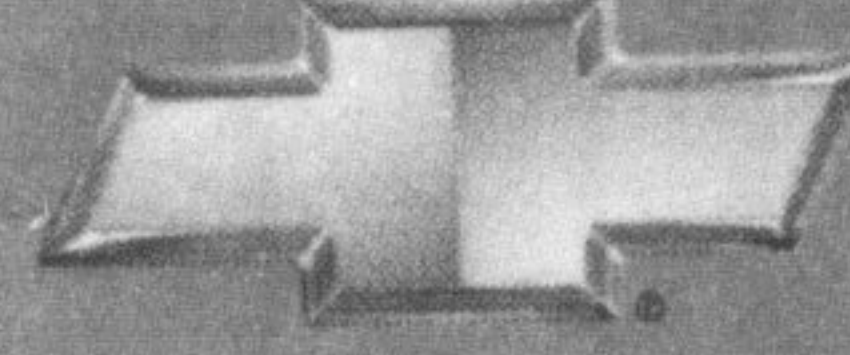
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