

Hydro moves the towers away from their homes

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications and Ontario Hydro have worked together and come up with a plan which will move the proposed 500 kV hydro transmission line away from local residents' homes.

Chairman of the Parkway Belt Steering Committee, Rashad Messih, informed the councils of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan, the government of Ontario recently approved the redesign of the Parkway Belt West which incorporates the proposed Highway 407, Ontario facilities and future utilities.

The highway redesign shifts the tower line from 55 feet north of back lot lines, to 150 feet at the western end of Longbridge Road, and approximately 200 feet at the eastern end.

A new tower configuration in which the two 500 kV lines are located at the northern edge of the right of way and the two 230 kV lines placed to the south, will provide an additional separation of approximately 60 feet resulting in a distance of 340 and 390 feet west and east end of Longbridge Road respectively between the closest 500 kV line and residents' properties.

Manager of Transmission, Route Planning at Ontario

Hydro, Bob Murray, said following the information meeting held in Thornhill, Ontario Hydro tried to move the 500 kV lines as far away as possible.

The public utility also looked at lower towers, steel pole design, underground cables and landscaping to reduce the visual impact of the towers.

The decision was that lower towers would require four 500 kV single circuit tower lines as opposed to two double circuit tower lines, and also would require an increase in right of way width to 244 metres (800 feet), which is not available through this constraint area.

Ontario Hydro decided against the use of the more expensive steel poles as part of a government expenditure reduction program and also felt little improvement could be obtained because of the many fixed turning points crossing Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

It was reported in October of 1978 that undergrounding would not be acceptable for reasons of cost and system reliability, particularly in regard to the 500 kV bulk power circuits.

However, Ontario Hydro will consider the use of underground cables for the two 230 kV local and regional supply circuits which would allow an additional 240 feet between residents' properties and hydro towers.

The government parkway belt redesign report states land-

scaping is a very effective method of reducing visual impact.

It is proposed to screen the approaches to the redesign section by planting and/or the construction of berms.

Ontario Hydro predicts the first 500 kV line will be required for

operation in 1981, the second in 1984.

Mr. Murray said construction would begin in late 1980.

No time has been set for construction of the 230 kV lines, said Mr. Murray, but he expected they would be needed for local load supply in about ten years.

Suzanne Sommers stops traffic on Yonge Street

Suzanne Sommers was in town last Friday, and to no one's surprise, brought traffic to a halt.

The star of television's *Three's Company*, is taking her first lead role in a feature film opposite Donald Sutherland.

Nine weeks of shooting of "Nothing Personal" are scheduled for the Toronto area including the one day last Friday at the Emerald Isle Motel at the south end of Richmond Hill.

Construction equipment and regular traffic were cleared from a short stretch of Yonge Street to make way for a high speed car chase.

In a very real cloud of dust, Sutherland is pursued by two heavies down Yonge Street. That is moments after a dishevelled Miss Sommers hobbles around the corner of the motel and into unit 5.

A publicist for Purple Heart Film Productions revealed that the plot was not what it appeared. The film is a romantic comedy. Sutherland plays a law professor who goes to Washington to try to do something about the seal hunt.

Miss Sommers is a lady lawyer who helps him. The heavies are employed by companies whose executives do everything they can to stop them.

The writer is Robert Kaufman who also scripted *Love at First Bite* and *Divorce American Style*.

The presence of big names in the movie business in the Toronto area is becoming more common and the trend will continue.

There are tax incentives that help Canadian producers

like David Perlmutter of Purple Heart to make films in this country and the heart of the English-Canadian industry is in Toronto. So, only one week of filming will take place on location in Washington.

"Nothing Personal" is the tenth feature-length film for Purple Heart and it will cost about \$5 million to produce.

Radio towers will go up next week

Within a week, six 170-foot radio towers will be gracing the skyline of Oak Ridges.

Radio station CKAN, to broadcast out of Newmarket to residents of York Region, has received final approval for severance and rezoning of a ten-acre site on Ridge Road east of Yonge Street.

Bases have been poured, said Wayne Bjorgan of radio station CKBB in Barrie, who is helping to co-ordinate and establish CKAN in Newmarket, and structures should be erected this week.

One large building and a small

building at the base of each tower will be up "very soon", he said.

Mr. Bjorgan said he expects CKAN will be on the air by late fall.

CKAN is licensed to broadcast community involved programming for York Region, and will be found at 1480 on the dial.

"It will be a truly local radio service for the region," said Mr. Bjorgan.

He described the music that will be aired as "middle of the road — not rock — not soft easy listening — but mass appeal music."



This Richmond Hill beauty was selected as the runner-up in the annual CHIN-Radio bikini contest. She's Michele Petrowanczuk, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at St. Robert's School in Thornhill. A total of 150 girls entered the contest. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Town rejects low bidder, references "very negative"

A consulting engineers' firm justified to Richmond Hill Council Monday why it selected a bid which was nearly \$18,000 higher than a low tender for the channelization of a new outlet from Lake Wilcox.

And the low bidder — Rosy Construction Limited — charged "discrimination" in return. Keith Lathem, representing

Crysler and Lathem consulting engineers, said in a report his company investigated the low bidder's references and found they were "very negative, citing lack of performance, staff turnover, substantial administrative and inspection costs and problems, and potential legal entanglements over construction claims."

Rosy Construction had tendered at \$297,510, but Mr. Lathem recommended Council accept the bid of Gordon Acri and Sons, Ltd., at \$297,088.50.

A spokesman for Rosy Construction charged Council was "discriminating" against his company by not accepting the low bid.

That was enough to send council scurrying behind closed doors to continue the discussion.

Yesterday, Councillor Bill Corcoran told The Liberal council realized there was "no way we could go with the low bidder" and the town had "no alternative."

CAG elects to report twice a year

The Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) members have been accused of being "political" or "showing bias", said president Janet Fayle, so they will change one of their policies.

Up until now, CAG have published a list of voting patterns of council members and members of planning committee.

This report has appeared prior to the past three municipal elections.

To avoid further accusations, Mrs. Fayle said, the CAG have decided to publish these voting records every six months.

The first of these has recently been forwarded to CAG members.

Council voted 8-1 to accept the Acri bid.

Town Clerk Dave Weldon said a standard clause in tenders says the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

"It is uncommon, but not unheard of," to accept the second low bidder, he said.

Region's outside workers could strike on July 20

Local 1953 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees voted 189 in favor and 39 against when a strike vote was taken at last Wednesday's meeting of the local.

The same day, a "no board" report written by a ministry of labor conciliation officer arrived at the Region of York offices in Newmarket meaning that a strike could start by July 20 involving office staff, road, sewer and water works employees, plumbing inspectors and day care and social workers.

But both management and the union are hoping to resolve the differences without a strike.

"There is a strong possibility that there will be another meeting," said CUPE regional representative Helen Brown.

The local's request for a 15 per cent increase was a "tabled position," she said.

The union is also asking for improved fringe benefits in-

cluding a dental plan; and improved pension benefits that would allow employees whose combined age and years of service amount to 80 to retire with full benefits.

The management has calculated the demands to amount to an additional 3.8 per cent.

But Ms. Brown said the cost of some of these benefits had not been relayed to the union at the conciliation session.

The union members position is "motivated by their knowledge of the cost of living," said Ms. Brown.

"We have enjoyed a good relationship with York Region and there is absolutely no reason why that won't continue," she said.

The Region's chief administrative officer, Jack Rettie, said he is waiting for an invitation from the ministry of labor to start mediation talks.

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Teacher talks break down

Mediation in the York high school teachers' contract dispute broke down Monday night over the teachers' demand that 20 per cent of their time be formally "unassigned."

Retreating from a previous position, the board's negotiating team agreed Monday to send all

salary and benefit issues to arbitration. The teachers' team insisted that the unassigned time issue also go to arbitration and be a contract item, but the board refused, leaving the dispute in limbo.

Either side can request the resumption of mediation.

"The issue is now clear: the teachers are on strike for a '20 per cent unassigned time' clause," the board said in a news release issued late Monday night.

Many high school teachers have approximately 20 per cent, or close to 20 per cent, of their time unassigned at present, a board spokesman said yesterday.

The board, however, needs flexibility in running each school and rejects the argument that the 20 per cent rule should be fixed by contract, the spokesman said.

The teachers participated in work-to-rule sanctions the last three days of the school year (June 27-29) and will resume sanctions if a settlement is not reached by September. Such sanctions, technically called a "strike" under the Education Act, could shut down the high schools, according to Education Director Sam Chapman.

The board previously rejected the teachers' bid to put the dispute to arbitration, calling such a move "a dangerous game of roulette which the board can't win and the teachers can't lose," Bill Monroe, the board's

negotiating chairman, said yesterday that he believes the teachers want the 20 per cent figure formalized in the contract so they can push for 25 or 30 per cent in future contracts.

Including unassigned time in the contract represents an infringement on management's traditional right to tell the teachers when and where they will work, Mr. Monroe said.

In a recent newsletter issued to the teachers, Tony Bulson, president of District 11, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said the teachers' team is "seeking to establish in the contract the workload guideline of teaching six periods out of eight, which is general across the province, to prevent any further erosion of this basic workload condition."

Eric McLean, executive officer for District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Association (OSSTF), said York teachers' workload is higher than in other comparable jurisdictions.

The teachers say they're seeking a 6.4 per cent pay increase in the first year and a six per cent boost in the second year of the new contract, with an estimated five per cent increase over two years for cost of living allowance (COLA). The board offers six per cent in each year with no COLA.

Community Pulse

No surprises

There were no surprises at council Monday night. Another appeal was made by residents of Ward 4 protesting an application to sever a lot, but council supported the split by a vote of 5 to 4.

Ignoring their own councillor Dave Barrow, who voted in favor of the application, two residents took the opportunity to thank Ward 2 councillor, Al Duffy and Ward 3 Councillor, John Birchall, for their support.

Safe drivers

Six town staff drivers, with a safe driving record over a long period of time, were honored at council Monday.

A twenty-one year gold pin was awarded to top driver Herb Rose. George Peters, Frank Shadwell and Bob Watson each received a 14-year pin, Eric Fish a 13-year pin and Joe Mross a ten-year pin.

Richmond Hill high schools produce Ontario Scholars

Richmond Hill's three high schools have submitted their lists of Ontario Scholars.

To achieve standing as an Ontario Scholar, a student must have achieved 80 per cent or better in all subjects.

Recommendations from Richmond Hill High School are as follows: Karen Blaschke 80.0; Margaret Elise Karrington 91.0; Joanne Mary Chateauvert 80.3; Jenny Lisa Chu 86.2; Anna Colucci 81.5; Michael Flood 83.5; Ivan Lamb 80.7; Catherine Anne Painter 83.3; Susan Poseika 80.0; Karin Steiner 86.5 and Michelle Wheeler 82.8.

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Bayview Secondary School did not release the marks for their students, but all achieved 80.0 per cent or better.

Langstaff Secondary School has submitted the following list of students as Ontario Scholar recommendations: Carol Ganzenberg 85.7; Lynn Hofland 83.3; Deborah Gollert 80.3; Gail Borneman 80.0; Marko Pidhirsky 80.0 and Heather Veitch 80.0.

The above listed students have been recommended as Ontario Scholars, but must wait until the Ministry of Education makes the official announcement in August or early September.



The fishing derby sponsored by the York Central Anglers and Hunters brought some 200 contestants to the Mill Pond in Richmond Hill Saturday. Here Seawn Thorimbert, 13

(front) of Baif Blvd., Richmond Hill, enjoys the day with his friend Richard Holst of Toronto. Together they landed 14 fish. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)