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Both sides reaching for consensus at Port Granby

By the end of Wednesday night's public meeting, the Port Granby residents and the Low Level Radioactive Waste Office (LLRWO) had found some common ground. Residents and LLRWO were

at odds over the proponent's plan to move the waste across the road. Residents had always supported a long term solution that would not involving moving the waste from it's current location, on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

The LLRWO which was created by the federal government to clean up and plan for the decades-old waste at Port Granby and Port Hope is currently involved in an environmental assessment (EA) of the project. As a requirement of the EA process, the LLRWO—the proponent, is required to look at alternatives to the proposal they were dealing with initially, the on site institute storage. It was during this phase that the proponent put forward the idea of moving the waste. The waste

relocation concept emerged as the best option in terms of public health and safety, environmental protection, technical reliability and cost effectiveness, according to the LLRWO. This plan to excavate the 500,000 cubic meters of waste from its current site and truck it to a new location, some 300 meters north of Lakeshore Road has area residents worried.

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Clarington Rate Payers Association.

The Port Granby residents would prefer to construct a permanent containment facility on the current site which would keep the waste dry and avoid the possibility of contaminants leaching into the lake.

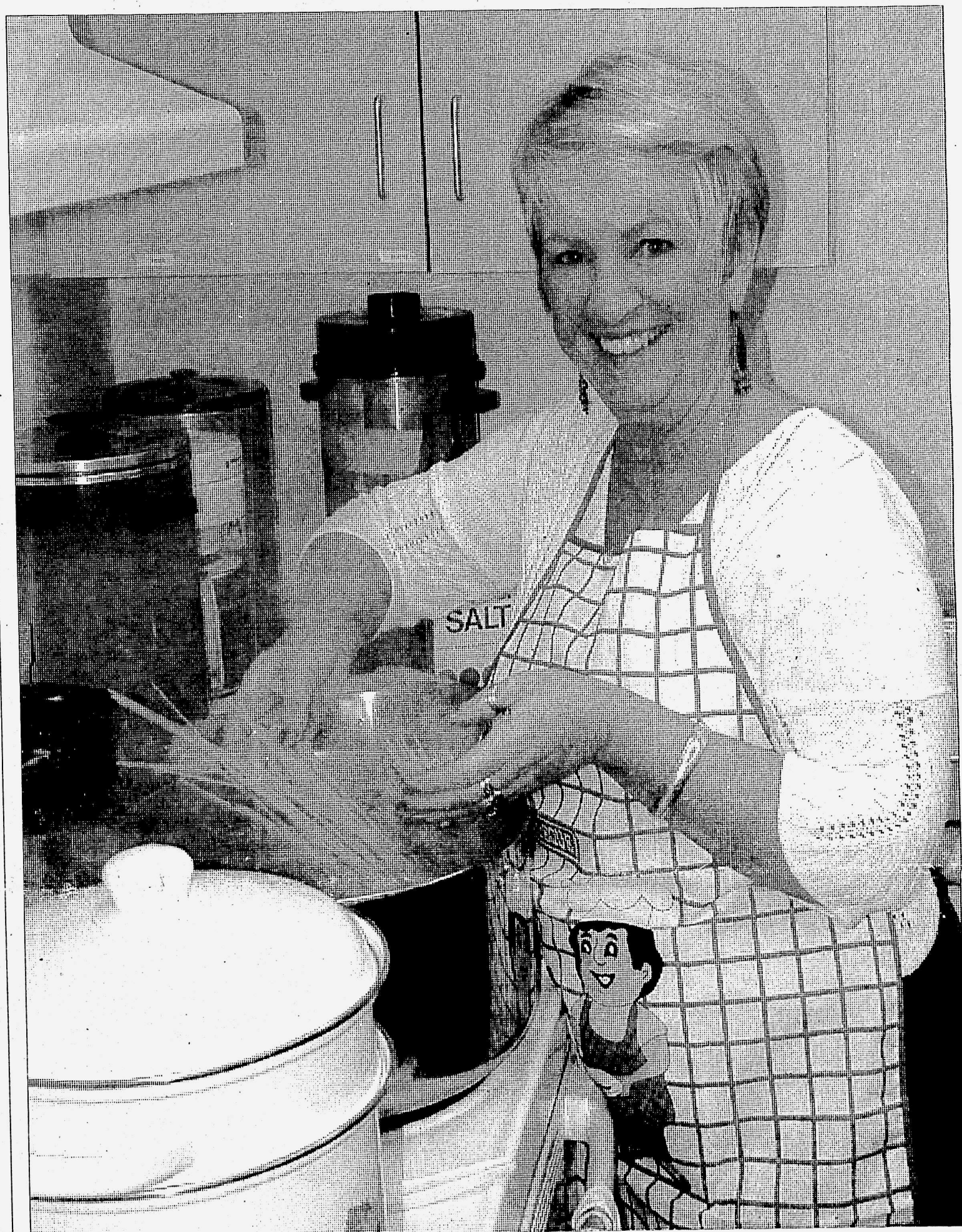
Mr. Harvey Thompson, who has long been involved in Port Granby and sat on various advisory committees dealing with the waste, suggested the LLRWO take both concepts -- on-site and off-site storage, through the EA and planning stages.

"If that is something that brings confidence to the process, we will look at that," stated Glen Case, Manager - Engineering and Operation of the LLRWO, at Wednesday's meeting.

"We are looking for some kind of concurrence from the Municipality," he stated, "It's the municipality that is providing direction to us on how this is best brought forward."

Ms. Janice Swartz, planner with the Municipality in attendance at the public meeting, told residents she heard their message to bring forward the two concepts. She also offered

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Connie Puc of the Orono Town Hall Board was cooking up pasta for Saturday night's 'Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction' fundraiser.

Regional update

Improvement and transit most urgent

Regional Chairman Roger Anderson stopped in Clarington Monday evening on his annual tour addressing the lower tier municipalities.

"In many ways 2003 was a turning point for Durham Region," stated Anderson. "Events like SARS and the blackout tested us, but we pulled together and learned from the experience."

The Durham Community Strategic Plan was approved in 2003 and will be a key focus in the Region's business planning process from now on. Strengthening and integrating transportation systems is the objective Council feels the most urgency about, according to Anderson. "Regional Council hopes to dedicate an additional 1 per

cent of regional taxes to help us catch up on road rehabilitation needs," he said.

Managing transportation



Regional Chair Roger Anderson

demand is a crucial component of the Durham Transportation Master Plan approved by council in December. To reduce grid-

lock, pollution and the costs associated with maintaining the road network, we must reduce the number of cars on the road, especially in our urban areas.

For the next couple of years, the Region's major roads capital project will be the widening of the remaining two-lane sections of Taunton Road through Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa. When Councillor Gord Robinson, asked Anderson when Taunton Road would be widened through Clarington, Anderson answered, "after the 407 goes through to the 115/35".

Regional road rehabilitation is a key focus in Clarington this with a \$1.1

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