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Pat Westlyshen, left, and Ruby Black were hits in the Easter parade at Valleyview Home for the Aged, showing off their new Easter bonnets on Thursday. — (T-J Photo).

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## Waste-recycling operation to be built in Westminster

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WESTMINSTER — A St. Thomas company has won provincial approval to build and operate a waste-recycling depot in Westminster.

Advance Container of Canada Ltd. will be allowed to process up to 300 tonnes of solid waste a day at the plant, a joint municipal-environmental board has ruled.

Westminster administrator Doug Stanlake said Monday construction could begin within weeks, once town council approves the company's building plans and a required rezoning bylaw.

The waste depot, to be built on

industrial land along Wellington Road, south of Westminster's Concession 4, was the focus of a three-day hearing in October before a panel representing the Ontario Municipal Board and the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board.

The two-member panel recommended Advance Container be issued a provisional operating certificate for the depot until the environment ministry approves a more permanent order.

The ministry supported the recycling depot and Westminster hadn't any objections.

Bob McCaig, a spokesman for Advance Container, said about 25 workers will be needed to operate the depot. It could be open as early as June.

"Everything depends on the start we get on the work during the winter. If we have mild conditions, it could be June or July."

McCaig said the building and machinery will cost about \$3 million and the recycled materials will "mostly be sold back to the dealers — zinc, aluminium, whatever."

The Westminster proposal is for construction on a 27-hectare (66-acre) parcel of land a 1,400-square-metre (15,000-square-foot) depot to recycle cardboard, newspaper, glass, wood and metals.

Garbage trucked to the plant from the London area would be separated into recyclable material, with the leftover sent to the Southwold landfill or another in Westminster, 6.4 kilometres away.