



The oldest and the youngest had fun together at last Tuesday's fourth annual Seniors Barbecue Picnic in Victoria Square Park. Above left, Marjorie Fevreau, 93 years, and Edna Hardie, 93 years, play with Kory Henn, three months. Photo by Pam Davis-Martin

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# Castleton man leads rally vs Brighton landfill

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**NORTHUMBERLAND** — The Castleton-area man who organized a public rally at the Brighton Township landfill site this week came to county council with a list of demands July 15.

The garbage from Cobourg, Port Hope and most of the western part of the county is disposed of at in this landfill location.

John E. Milnes contends that leachate is leaking from the Brighton landfill site, endangering the community's water supply and poisoning nearby farmland.

Included in a page-full of demands which he says he is making on behalf of Brighton-area residents, are:

- the installation of a cement leachate collection system by the end of August;
- an alternative to putting garbage at county landfills and to remove the existing garbage;
- the formation of a municipal solid-waste management partnership with two or more counties; and

• n to support Wesleyville as a site for this alternative garbage handling technology (incineration).

But as Mr. Milnes got caught up in his presentation, he took personal pot shots at Warden George Boycott and ended his address by saying that "politicians have among them, dim witted mindless people who are loose screws" and as a self-described "wing nut" it is his job to "tighten down loose screws."

The end result was an exchange of insults and the loss of credibility in what the retired environmental scientist was asking to be done.

Warden Boycott maintained in an interview following the presentation that there is no problem at the Brighton landfill site.

The county is paying about \$2,000 to one property owner due to runoff drowning some of his crops, not due to leachate, he said.

Mr. Milne is just creating hype to launch his push for incineration, continued the Warden.

But Brighton Township Reeve Tammy Warden sees it another way.

When asked by the Warden not to refer to a leachate problem at the Brighton landfill site, she referred to a environment ministry report which referred to the water on the neighbouring farmland as containing leachate.

Both the township's own consultant and the ministry are reviewing a report on the landfill, she added.

Ms. Archer also stressed that she and the Mayor of Brighton were committed to doing everything necessary to ensure proper monitoring of the landfill to ensure safe drinking water for their residents.

County councillors did not discuss the specific demands in Mr. Milne's presentation but will tour the landfill site on the afternoon of July 29.