

# Shiloh activist calls it a day

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Local residents owning property surrounding the landfill site had hoped the study's findings would help to remove a holding zone freeze imposed on their land by the township.

The holding zone restriction was placed on land around Shiloh by the township after the Ontario Ministry of the Environment demanded drilling tests to determine if the landfill had leached into private well water.

For Mr. Melnichuk, the battle to be heard by the local government began in 2001. Countless Freedom of Information requests and mounds of documents that fill a three-inch thick binder formed the basis of his alleging an illegal landfill and fighting the holding zone that surrounds it.

The binder, considered to be the most complete documentation available in the case, was turned over to consultants hired by the township to determine what steps would be needed to remove or reduce the contentious no-building



Bruce Melnichuk has his mother's Penryn Road house listed on the real estate market for \$194,900.

hold. Two rounds of review board hearings reduced Shiloh landfill neighbourhood property tax assessments by 41 per cent.

"We got \$1,000 off our assessment which works out to about \$16 a year to

put toward a \$1,000 bill for water testing," he said after the final hearing.

Mr. Melnichuk figures the township is losing about \$15,000 a year in taxes over the holding zone issue.

His motivation remains

constant. He says he is protecting his mother and her interests and he figures it's time to get out. And what will he do with those binders of documentation on the Shiloh landfill case?

"I'll burn them," he says.

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## 2007 ADAM REDDOM AWARD



James Aildred, 15, of Castleton, is this year's winner of the Adam Reddom Memorial Award as the most dedicated player in the Brighton Minor Soccer U16 division. A nine-year veteran of the game, James played rep soccer most recently in Cobourg before joining the Brighton league. "I just wanted to play the game with my friends," he said, adding he was "pretty surprised" because he didn't even know he was nominated. Coaches Peter Czulo and Beth Mutton say "he is passionate about the game and very encouraging of his teammates. He plays with heart, giving 100 per cent every time he is on the field." Charlie and Shirley Reddom were on hand on Aug. 28 at the King Edward Park soccer field to present the award named for their son Adam, an avid soccer player who loved the game. He was just 22 when he died in a car accident in 1996. This is the 12th year the award has been presented.