

Lakeside opposes opening dump

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Lakeside residents are dead set against opening its

landfill site, located south of the village, to Woodstock and Ingersoll. County council's public works decided recently to ask provincial environment minister Keith Norton to waive an environmental hearing to enable the county to use the site.

"I hope to heavens Woodstock and Ingersoll don't start coming in," Quinton King, who has looked after the Lakeside dump for three and half years, said. "There is not going to be enough room.

Mayor Wallis Hammond opposed the public works committee decision to waive the environmental hear-



This peaceful setting, just outside of Lakeside is the centre of a brewing controversy over county usage of the village's dump. Residents and council feel the dump is too small for

county use but the county public works committee is trying to get an environmental hearing waived by the minister of environment.

ing and suggested extending use of the Holbrook site, slated to close August.

The Lakeside site and a site in Drumbo will be used for landfill sites until the Salford site is ready for operation, if permission is granted by Mr. Norton. If any site is to be used by an increase of 1,500 people a hearing is required to check the environmental safety of the site. It is estimated each site would receive an influx of garbage from more than 35,000 people.

"The general feeling is that it should be just left as it is," Lorne Mills, owner of Lakeside General Store, said. "We feel it is not big enough."

Mr. King mentioned the possibility of a petition to be circulated around the village to prevent the site being opened for county use.

"An inspector from the environment told me the site is going to close in three years," Mr. King said. "There is the possibility of using holding boxes but some garbage cannot use it."

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Transfer certificates, to use the alternate sites, (Lakeside and Drumbo), would cost about \$22,000 per site, Mr. King said. He finds the sum of money to be a waste of taxpayer's money.

The dump at Lakeside is now open to North Oxford, west Zorra and East Nis-souri. Mr. King finds people from out of the allotted area use the dump and sometimes dump garbage outside the dump gates.

"I am trying my best to save that dump, I have tried to make it last," Mr. King said. "I can tell you one thing, there are a lot of disappointed people."

Jane Scott, an American from New York, staying at Lakeside Resort, said it would be a shame to bring garbage into such a beautiful area. Garbage creates

gas and under ground pollution, she pointed out.

"In the States we are having a lot of problems and New Jersey in particular is having tremendous problems; all the waters are so polluted. I hope Canada doesn't make the same environmental mistakes. The United States have made some terrible ones," she said.

The proposed landfill site in Salford, which has met with opposition from South-West Oxford council and residents, might not open for three years.