

Dump deal dies in veil of secrecy

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support.

"We are in the quarry business not the landfill business," Burkart stressed.

Burkart would not comment on a rumoured clause in the deal that would see UAL take over both the Third Line and Regional Road 43, which run through the quarry, in exchange for giving the Town and Region approximately \$50 million in aggregate to be mined from along those road allowances.

"I can't comment on those figures at this stage - that hasn't been agreed to, but we've agreed to sit down and

sort it out."

When asked what the Town had to give up to make the dump go away, Serjeantson, who called the deal a win-win situation, said, "[just] the chance to go to court and spend more money. I don't believe we've given up anything."

"We got what we wanted and that's to stop the dump," Serjeantson said.

The deal must be approved by the Consolidated Hearing Board, which has been dealing with RSI's proposal. The deal is not binding on other parties to that hearing, like the North Halton environ-

mental group Protect Our Water and Environment Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) or the Niagara Escarpment Commission or Ministry of Environment or Energy, but Town counsel Stephen D'Agostino said that it was "theoretically possible but highly unlikely" that the hearing into the proposal would continue.

When asked to comment on the deal, P.O.W.E.R. past-president Barbara Halsall said, "We would have preferred to have had the opportunity to comment on it before it was a final agreement and I find this excessive security downright strange."

Council defers Lions Park report

Town Councillors agreed to hold off debating options to make up for a park land deficiency in the Lions Park neighbourhood because area residents complained they had not received enough notice to prepare a response to the issue.

Town of Halton Hills staff report that the neighbourhood, bounded by Maple Avenue, Guelph Street, Main Street and the C.N. Rail lands should have almost six acres of park land for the number of resident living in the area, but, in fact, it has only 2.3

acres, leaving a park land deficiency of 3.5 acres of park land.

Staff's suggestion to increase park land in the area, including use of the Memorial Arena site, will be dealt with at the first General Committee meeting in October.

Skateboarders bounced from JET

'No Skateboarding' signs will be posted at the Cultural Centre where skateboarders are using the wheelchair ramp to get their thrills.

If the Town posts the prohibitive signs, then the skateboarders are required to leave when asked.

Councillor Moya Johnson said she's received complaints from people living on Normandy Boulevard, where skateboarders from GDHS head during their lunch hour. "They leave their lunch garbage all over peoples' lawns and make a mess," she said.

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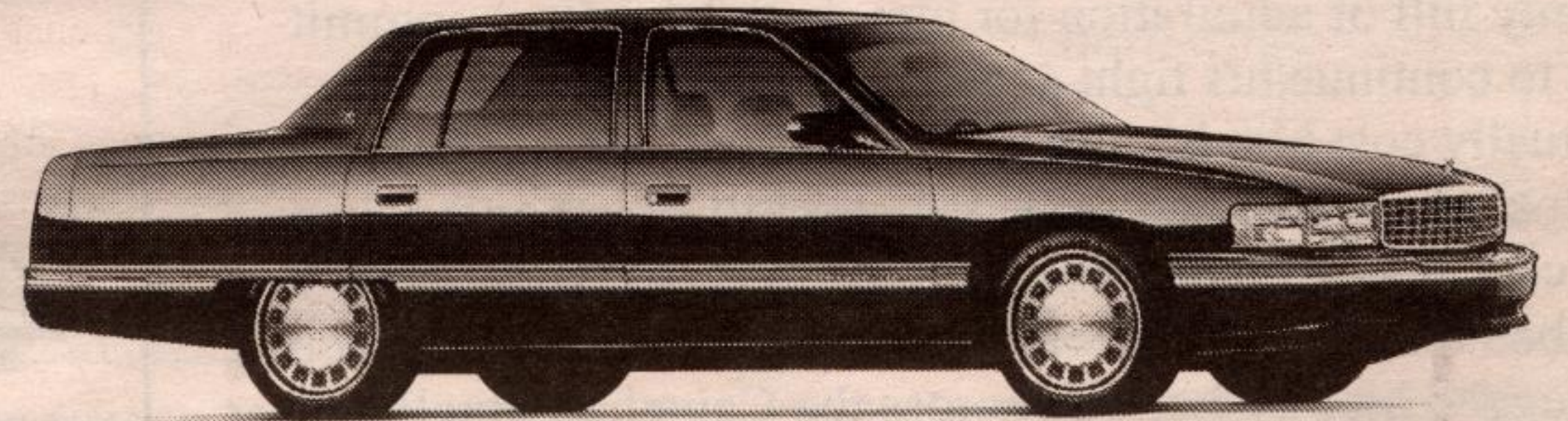
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