

Indusmin still plans disposal site near Acton

Worked-out quarries at the Indusmin Limited operation near Acton may still be transformed into a sanitary waste disposal site, even though Metro Toronto executive has rejected a Canadian National Railways proposal to ship treated municipal waste from the city to the quarries.

In a letter read at Monday night's meeting of Esqueping Council, the company announced its intention to proceed with an application to the waste management branch of the Department of the Environment for permission to operate a sanitary waste disposal site.

Later, the company's division manager A. C. Borud told this paper Indusmin would likely make a second offer to Metro Executive in the event the

present Canadian Pacific Railways proposal to haul the city's garbage to a site believed to be in the Harrison area somehow falls through. However, Mr. Borud emphasized any Indusmin

offer would be for chemically treated and baled waste only.

Chase CP
Metro Executive chose the CP Rail offer over the CN proposal in October. The CP proposal at a price of \$8.55 per ton included no initial processing of waste and called for it to be dumped as is into rail cars. The CN proposal at a price of \$8.85 per ton called for waste to be treated and baled at a Toronto site, then shipped by rail to the Indusmin site.

In its letter to council, Indusmin pointed out the need for improved municipal waste

disposal not only in Esqueping but in surrounding municipalities such as Georgetown, Acton and Burlington.

"We have reviewed several alternative methods and in our opinion the best method today is to shred all waste, compress it, and package it into bales. Our application would exclude all forms of municipal waste, except as a shredded and baled product," the letter went on.

According to preliminary Indusmin plans, bales would be received at the quarries daily in covered vehicles and stacked in a

worked-out portion of the quarry. Each day they would be stacked and covered with limestone screenings. The final layer of bales would be covered with four to five feet of overburden and rehabilitated with trees, shrubs and grass.

Would monitor
In conjunction with various government agencies, the company would monitor the environment prior to starting the landfill and periodically thereafter as required.

To alleviate worries about possible damage to the area's

water table, Mr. Borud said the company would suggest to government officials that perimeter wells be drilled around the quarry site and that the wells be checked regularly by water resources experts. He said however that he is more concerned about surface run-off than possible seepage into the water table.

Cites reason

One reason Indusmin initiated the idea, Borud said, was the interest shown in a regional waste disposal site by Halton County Council. However, he

made it clear waste would eventually have to be drawn from somewhere outside the county to make the project a viable one.

"There is not enough volume of waste in Halton. We could handle all of the county's municipal waste plus some from outside," he said.

Borud also said his company is interested only in offering a landfill site. Any of the treating, shredding or baling processes would have to be arranged by the county or whatever municipality is interested.

Detailed planning of the

storage area and operating methods will not be finalized until the government permit is issued.

The letter closed with an offer from the company to appear before any group to explain the proposed operation.

"As in the past we propose to keep you fully informed and solicit your views and comments. We intend to remain as good neighbors in the community and plan to make this operation a model project," the letter concluded.

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THIRD ACTON BROWNIE PACK donated the Centennial Commission \$25 and the rest of the Brownies, Guides, Cubs, and Scouts were challenged to do better, at their regular meeting last Friday night. Presenting the cheque to

Commissioner Jack Carpenter is Rhonda Parsons, while Elaine Foster, left, Brown Owl Mrs. Shirley Scott, Jennifer Rowe, and the rest of the pack look on. (Photo by J. Jennings)

Brownies support Acton Centennial

By Jack Carpenter

The 3rd Acton Brownie Pack donated \$25 to the Acton centennial project last Friday from funds they had raised for a trip. Instead, they gave it towards a community project. With 21 brownies in the pack, Brown owl and leaders that works out at \$1 each. That's quite an effort when you are about seven years old.

think about Acton's Centennial? They told the centennial representative some of their ideas and thoughts:

"It's a great idea and everybody should support it." "We should put all sorts of colourful things around town and have a big parade."

"There should be a beauty contest for a little girl, and she could be called Little Miss Acton." "The schools should be closed."

"Everyone should meet in the park and we should have a big picnic. A special holiday should be announced... and the schools should be closed."

"All the old people should be locked up in Jail and the young people should be free..." "What about Brown Owl?" "Oh she should be free." "What about me?" "Oh! You will have to be locked up."

"We should invite all our

friends and relatives and all the people that ever lived in Acton to come one day and visit."

"There should be all kinds of dances and concerts for the young people, especially some of the big groups."

"Our centennial is one of the most important times of our lives and everyone should support it and participate; in fact it's their duty to do that. What's the good of a town if you don't get involved at a time like this."

Dragway operators ask Sunday racing

Anticipating a season of top quality racing meets, solicitors for the Toronto International Dragway, east of Acton, have asked Esqueping Council to amend its racing by-law to permit meets on Sundays from May 1 until September 30 and from Monday to Thursday nights inclusive until 11.30 p.m.

The solicitors have also asked that a provision be made in by-law 16-71 to allow for the opening of the dragway's gates earlier than 11.30 a.m. on Sundays, if it is found necessary to avoid traffic congestion.

In a letter to council the solicitors added, "It is our client's object to provide top quality performers and establish a quality track and in order to achieve this goal, it requires the opening dates since the first day of May is the recognized opening date for drag racing in Southern Ontario."

No mention was made of the requests at Monday night's council meeting, but acting Reeve Len Coxe promised representatives of the North Esqueping Ratepayers Association, Peter Bowman, who lives adjacent to the dragway and dragway representatives will be invited to a committee meeting for further discussion.

Budget

Halton County Board of Education started its budget preparations for 1973 Thursday, by reviewing the 1972 operation. In weeks to come the board will analyse each segment of the operation and draft a budget for 1973.

Staggered two week layoff

A general lack of business has forced a two week layoff for most employees at the Beardmore plant, Acton's largest industry.

The layoff, which at different times affects the plant's entire operation began earlier this month. Workers in the wet departments, the early stages of the tanning process have now returned to work. Other departments are now experiencing the layoff and some shipping department personnel are working four day weeks.

The layoff is the first of similar

duration at the plant in many years. Some employees have left their jobs and found employment elsewhere.

Assistant general manager Abbott Conway said this week all tanners are having a difficult time, because of the rising cost of hides and the resultant rise in the sale price of leather.

The price of hides has more than doubled in the past year and a side of finished leather which sold for 50 to 55 cents per square foot a year ago is now selling

from 95 cents to \$1 per square foot.

"Adding to tanners' woes at the present time, Mr. Conway explained, is the increased competition in the leather market from foreign countries such as Brazil and Argentina.

In spite of the present unfavorable market, the Beardmore spokesman said he does expect orders to increase gradually.

An adjustment in process changes was also partially responsible for the layoff.

Seek new well

Acton will budget \$15,000 for test drilling this year and if the tests are successful, an estimated \$40,000 will be required for well development.

The search for an additional source of water for the town looks favorable following a report to council from Crowley Ground-water Limited who made a survey just south of town. Their recommendation also had the approval of the town's engineers R. V. Anderson Associates.

Councillor Coats explained to council Tuesday night that J. D.

Crowley thinks there is an "interesting situation" just south of town. He believes he has discovered an underground valley with a river running along its bottom and perhaps a waterfall. He proposed three test drills, and he would like to get his heavy machines in before the ground begins to thaw.

Council is very hopeful of good results with the new source of water which is very near the town, and would require little piping.

Councillor Masales indicated

the matter is "imperative" with additional water needed. The mayor felt there might be as much as a million or two million gallons here. He said the town can no longer drill for a small supply.

Mr. Crowley has done seismic refraction tests to determine the top of bedrock and electrical resistivity tests for sand and gravel.

His account for the survey was \$1,371.40, although the original estimate was \$3,000.

Mr. Crowley contracts the work to drillers.

Lions seek station

The Lions club would like to obtain the old CNR station, and through councillor Norm Elliott asked for council's backing Tuesday. Mr. Elliott said he wasn't able to divulge the service club's plans for the station yet, but members hoped council would throw their support behind a group which wanted to keep the station in town.

Asked by the mayor if the Lions were aware the structure has to be moved, Mr. Elliott said they have looked it over and already been in contact with the CN representative in charge of disposing of the building.

However the mayor knows of several others also interested.

More info
The Lions felt the town's moral support could go behind a move to have it retained in town, rather than moved away and used as, say, a residence.

Deputy Reeve Marks asked for a copy of the Lions proposal and more details before a decision is made.

Suffers injuries in collision

North Halton OPP reported two collisions involving Acton area people this week out of 18 reported.

On Monday, January 22, vehicles driven by Francis Gisson, 21, R.R.1, Acton and Norman Patey, R.R. 1 Acton, 21, collided on 25 Sideroad west of the Esqueping-Nassagaweya Townline.

Total damage to both vehicles was estimated to be \$650 Mrs.

Gibson sustained minor injuries in the collision.

Highway 7, west of the Halton Wellington County Line, was the scene of a two car collision Monday January 22.

Total damage was \$450, to vehicles driven by Howard Gibson, 69 Mead Ave., Hamilton 21, and Adrianus Vanopstal, 13 Wilbur St., Acton, 17.

There were no injuries.

County committee

Opposes fourth borough

The first meeting of the Warden's select committee on regional government decided Thursday to oppose the four borough set-up as outlined in the proposal for local government reform released by the province last week.

Prior to the announcement last Tuesday, the county had voted strongly in favor of a three unit Halton with Milton in the north borough. Milton felt a fourth borough centred around Milton should be established. The town made submissions to the province and these submissions were adopted in the proposals. The select committee includes Milton Reeve Bob McCuaig, Oakville Reeve Allan Masson, chairman Burlington Reeve Les Preston, Nassagaweya Reeve and Warden Ann MacArthur and Esqueping Reeve Len Coxe.

The committee outvoted McCuaig 4-1 in their decision to oppose the fourth borough. Coxe said he couldn't associate the thinking of the province when they proposed three boroughs for Peel and four for Halton, which is a smaller county, both population and area wise.

Question services
Chairman Preston questioned Milton's ability to service all of the area they were given in the proposal. Masson asked what

would happen to Milton if it were allowed to grow and then experienced a water shortage and wells ran dry.

Coxe suggested there was nothing people in the Milton area would lose in the three borough system that they would gain in a four borough system.

Warden MacArthur suggested Milton would not have to apply for annexation to expand in a third borough set-up as long as the proposals were accepted by the borough. She said she felt Milton was trying to run before they crawl and feared they might create a monster that would be expensive to both the town and the region.

Reeve Masson objected to the fact that the proposal had cut Oakville from the largest to the smallest (area wise) municipality in the region. Masson explained Oakville would oppose the fourth borough both at the county and provincial level.

Warden MacArthur and Deputy Reeve Coxe argued that community interest wasn't a clear enough reason to define a boundary. They felt that community interest would stay the same regardless of boundary changes.

Slow growth

Reeve McCuaig pointed to the Toronto Centred Region Plan for development and the fact that

Milton is in zone one where growth will be allowed and north Halton is in zone two which has been described as a slow growth zone.

He suggested that Milton was in a better position than any other municipality to service land in Central Halton.

While most of the meeting was taken up on discussing the merits of three or four boroughs, the committee agreed to visit other areas where regional government has already been implemented in the hopes of learning from their mistakes. The committee was to go to Niagara yesterday (Tuesday) on the first of three visits.

Eventually the committee will study the mechanics of implementing the new system of government, and make presentations to Queen's Park about how they feel it would best be handled. Municipalities have until March 31 to make representation. The committee will report to county council at the end of February.

While members agreed external boundaries as proposed by the province were acceptable, some queried the validity in taking East Flamborough and Waterdown in if those municipalities did not wish to come.



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Free Press Quiz?

How do you feel about the regional government plans as announced last week?

In on-the-street interviews, Free Press photographer Jim Jennings asked that question. This was the response:

Mrs. Lhoda McGreener
"It may have its problems to begin with, but any new system has to have bugs worked out of it."



"I don't think it will do any harm, I'm in favor of it, but it is not all cleared up yet."



"It might be OK, Time will tell, Acton, Georgetown, and the rest of the area are close enough together."



"I don't think it will make any difference to the lives of the citizens of Acton but the town will lose some of its small town charm and identity."



"I would like to see Nassagaweya as one unit, not split into two separate ones."



"I'm afraid we will be caught short of electoral delegates to council, as we have been in the past with the school board. Otherwise it's a better system."