

# Name five to G.U.A.R.D. committee

Five North Halton ratepayers have been elected to the executive committee of G.U.A.R.D. (Group United Against Rural Dumping) an organization which has been formed to fight the Indusmin proposal to use worked-out quarries near Acton as a sanitary landfill site for baled Metro Toronto refuse.

Named to head the committee in a vote of about 100 ratepayers, who attended a meeting in Georgetown Thursday night was William Johnson, a resident of 15 Sideroad, Nassagaweya. Johnson is employed at Domtar Fine Papers in Georgetown.

Committee members elected were Casey Bos, a farmer whose home is on the Fourth Line of Esquesing near the Indusmin site, Fred Brooks, a retired Esquesing farmer who lives at Lot 24, Con. 5, Rick Sales, a Ford Motor Company employee who resides on the Eighth Line, east of Ballinacree and Mrs. Andy Stull, whose home is on the Fourth Line of Esquesing, south of 15 Sideroad. Mrs. Stull who works as a bookkeeper for Ryder's TV in Georgetown will act as secretary.

**Pass resolution**  
The membership later passed a resolution proposed by Ric Symmes that "this meeting is unalterably opposed to the current schemes to make various rural municipalities the receptacle for Metro Toronto garbage, whatever form the garbage might take. Those present feel the beautiful township of Esquesing is particularly unsuited for this ignominy."

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to Environment Minister Hon. James Auld, Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow, Halton West M.P.P. Hon. George Kerr, Halton M.P. Terry O'Connor, Toronto Mayor David Crombie and whomever else the committee deems it necessary.

Symmes, a member of the Sierra Club of Ontario, who lives in the northeast end of Esquesing, chaired the meeting for the election of officers. At first, although nominations were numerous, persons willing to allow their names to stand were not.

A pep talk delivered to the audience of 100 by former township deputy-reeve Russell Miller, a member of the G.U.A.R.D. steering committee produced better response.

"I have to decline my nomination for personal reasons; but I thought we'd have no problem getting people to stand with the amount of phone calls I've been receiving this week. I thought we would have had 1,000 people in here tonight. I couldn't do any work at home the other night for the phone ringing off the hook," he said.

"I live a good distance away from Indusmin quarries, but I feel Esquesing is becoming a playground or garbage yard for somebody else and if it keeps up, there'll be nothing left to do but sell your home for about 50 per cent of the cost and get out," the former deputy-reeve said.

Johnson, who was also on the steering committee said he was disappointed in the turnout as well.

"Maybe we think we did too damn good a job at Stewarttown and we can sit back on our laurels now," he suggested. "Well whether this stuff is shredded,

treated or honey-dipped, it's still garbage. There will be an immediate devaluation of property as soon as the first load comes here. Ontario license plates read "Keep Ontario beautiful." I think we should go along with our government and support this."

Johnson predicted a tough fight for G.U.A.R.D. against Anglo-Recycling, (which has announced plans to construct a shredding and baling plant in Toronto.) Falconbridge, Nickel of which Indusmin is a subsidiary, Metro chairman Ab Campbell and Toronto City Hall.

"There'll be a lot of wining and dining going on over this, maybe even trips to San Diego," he warned. "I'd like to see the car clubs and youth groups get interested in our fight. It's their future, they should be more concerned about it than we are."

**O'Rourke speak**  
Sheila O'Rourke, who battled Beardmore for years about open spraying of effluent on land across the highway from her residence south of Acton gave her opinion of how tough the fight might be.

"I tried to have a letter published in the Acton Free Press about the pollution, but it was shot down by Beardmore and that's the God's truth," she said. Johnson replied that the Free Press has never turned him down on anything.

"I say shut the gate before the horse is gone," shouted Desmond O'Rourke. "The first man that puts garbage in there should be made to eat it."

"Let's be militant about this. Let's not let them shove it down our throats," added Mrs. O'Rourke.

Speaking for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Halton representative Bruce McClure said the federation will support G.U.A.R.D., but emphasized the only action the OFA would take would be to see that farmers were compensated for damages, if any resulted from the establishment of the landfill site.

An unidentified Georgetown man said Georgetown ratepayers should also be very concerned about the Indusmin proposal. "The water in Georgetown is all artesian," he said. "Anybody getting water from an artesian system may get water with a very high bacteria count."

Following announcement of the election results, Johnson made this promise:

"If I can do it, that thing won't go anywhere in North Halton or anywhere in rural Ontario."

Casey Bos said he would try his best for this part of the country. "I'm behind you all the way," said Mrs. Stull. "I don't want to drink Toronto garbage anymore than anyone else."

Rick Sales promised the committee will fight hard against the Indusmin proposal.

"I'm not much at speaking, but I'll damn well try and do something. This thing will go in here over my dead body," said Fred Brooks.

A total of \$204.75 in donations was collected from the ratepayers in attendance. A garbage can with the letters G.U.A.R.D. marked on the side was passed around.

"We'll recycle this and shoot it right back at the people who would pollute our environment," Johnson promised.

Councillors George Maltby and



EXECUTIVE committee of G.U.A.R.D. made their financial contributions to the organization which will fight the Indusmin sanitary landfill proposal following their election in Georgetown last week. Kicking into the symbolic garbage pail which ended up with \$204.75 in it are l. to r., chairman William Johnson, Casey Bos, Rick Sales, Fred Brooks and secretary Mrs. Andy Stull. "We'll recycle this and shove it right back at

the people who would pollute our environment," vowed chairman Johnson. The executive committee will meet with representatives of the Halton County Health Unit and the waste management branch of the Department of the Environment in Milton Friday. (D. Gibbons photo)

# Hydrogeology study begins at Indusmin

Hydrology Consultants Limited, a Mississauga based firm began supervising drilling on Indusmin land on the Third Line south of 22 Sideroad Monday. The consulting firm has been engaged by Indusmin to monitor the area water supply, before they apply to the provincial government for a permit to operate a sanitary landfill site in worked-out quarries near Acton.

"We're mainly trying to determine which way ground water in this area is moving so that we can predict what land-filling will do to it in the long run," hydrogeologist Bill Morrison told this paper.

Morrison said old farm wells on what is now Indusmin property may provide valuable information as well as new ones, which he said will be drilled as necessary on the perimeter of the site.

**Previous experience**  
Outlining his firm's previous experience in ground water work in this area, Morrison said the hydrogeology study of Halton County conducted for the O.W.R.C. in 1965 was done by company president John Numan. Hydrology Consultants also installed wells for the

Environmental Systems plant on the Fifth Line north of Limehouse, he said.

The company has had considerable background in locating water supplies for municipalities and also conducted a study in connection with relocation of the Welland Canal.

Morrison himself has previously participated in an investigation of the town of Acton landfill site for the waste management branch of the Department of the Environment.

**Expect report**  
Both Indusmin and Hydrology Consultants officials hope a report on the area water supply will be ready by early April. At that time a copy will be made available to Esquesing Council, Indusmin division manager A. G. Borud said this week.

"Until we get this report we cannot proceed with our application for a landfill site permit. The report must be attached to our application," Borud said.

Borud says he has received no written comments, written suggestions or letters of objection to the Indusmin proposal from North Halton ratepayers as yet.

## Garbage solution? North Halton group views new process

G.U.A.R.D. committee chairman William Johnson, committee member Casey Bos and Esquesing Councillor George Maltby were among those who viewed a film of a Black-Clawson Hydrasposal Fibreclaim unit which was shown at the Galaxy Club in Oakville Friday night.

The unit devours raw garbage and sorts metals, paper and glass for reclaiming. Residue is mixed with industrial waste and sewage dried and fired into boilers and the subsequent energy can be used for heating or the generation of electricity. A minimum of landfill is involved in the

operation, for as yet no way of reclaiming building materials has been reclaimed. The plant operates in Franklin, Ohio, and is designed to handle the Franklin area's projected garbage tonnage through 1990. Franklin has a population of about 10,000.

**Panel discussion**  
Following the film, viewers filed questions at a panel consisting of deceased Toronto mayor candidate Tony O'Donohue, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, a vice-president and technical representative from Black-Clawson and two reps from Local 707 U.A.W.

Mr. Johnson told this paper most of those present thought the Black-Clawson system was an immense leap forward in solving the problem of garbage disposal. During the panel discussion, Councillor Maltby crossed verbal swords with O'Donohue regarding Toronto shipping its garbage shredded and baled to Indusmin quarries.

**Loud dissent**  
O'Donohue was subjected to loud dissent from the North Halton contingent when he remarked he never heard people out here complaining when they

were shipping gravel into Toronto. He added however that the government would not allow dumping in areas where it would endanger the environment. Councillor Maltby was applauded when he pointed out quarrying operations had already decimated the Niagara escarpment. A member of the Port Hope opposition delegation also protested the dumping of Toronto garbage in rural areas.

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## Request liquor vote

Norm Cunningham and Bob Cheyne of the Hillsburgh Potato Fest Committee appeared before Erin township council at the March meeting to request a liquor vote be arranged.

Clerk Elmer McKinnon informed council that they could either give permission or ask for a petition signed by 25 per cent of the resident vote.

Mr. Cunningham said the committee would like to know as soon as possible, since there would be a waiting period before a vote can be held to give the "Drys" a chance to state their platforms.

He added that otherwise the committee cannot get a licence for a beer garden.

Council decided to act without a petition and instructed the clerk to look up the requirements to pass such a bylaw. He will also consult with Acton Meadows Golf Club as to what their requirements are.

There have been two previous liquor votes in the township, one in 1962, the other in 1966. In both, the vote was "dry".

The upcoming vote will ask if residents are in favour of the licensing of dining lounges, and of lounges.

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