

Recommend

Regional landfill near Ashgrove

150-200 acres

Key recommendations in the James F. McLaren Study on solid waste management in Halton Region include establishment of a 150 to 200 acre landfill site near Ashgrove and a transfer station on Highway Five in Burlington.

The site which would serve the whole region eventually is east of the Fifth Line and north of 10 Sidervale in Halton Hills, formerly Esqueving Township.

Financing the operation will cost over \$5,000,000 over the next 20 years. Collection costs are estimated at \$32,000,000 to \$42,000,000 over the next 20 years.

The report itself cost \$60,000.

Two trips
Trucks from the southern areas would leave their loads

at the transfer station where larger vehicles would make the trip north to the main site.

The report urges providing space for reclamation equipment to be used when technology and economics make it feasible.

The fact the report urges the region to continue with landfill sites for 20 years has brought opposition from environmentalist Bill Johnson. Johnson feels sanitary landfill sites should be permitted for no more than five years while technology is developed to implement reclamation.

A key recommendation in the report would see garbage from the southern part of the region hauled first to a transfer station on Highway Five west of Palermo and

then to the main site south-west of the former town of Georgetown. Garbage in the northern part of the region would be hauled directly to the Ashgrove site.

To capacity
Existing landfill sites in Burlington, Oakville, Georgetown and Acton should be used until they reach capacity.

The report does not recommend any immediate steps to implement a recycling or reclamation program by the region.

The comprehensive report analyzes the alternate system to landfill sites and attempts to dispel the many fears expressed about landfill sites. According to the report, proper operation of the site will ensure no pollution problems.

Debtenture cost
The addition of reclamation facilities to operation will require an additional \$1,014,000 but will reduce the landfill requirement by 203,100. The increased cost ventured over 20 years would cost the region \$12,500 year.

The report indicates that reclamation could be a risky business as the markets for the reclaimed materials fluctuate.

"The risk is normally beyond the purview of municipal bodies. However consideration was given to the public's desire to have a more sophisticated approach to the current waste handling and disposal practices," the report says.

The report indicates that if

the public interest in reclamation persists in spite of economic factors, the system can eventually involve reclamation. If on the other hand the region felt it was too expensive, the plan could be carried out using the transfer station for the south and the direct haul for northern areas.

Recommendations
The report recommends: Acquiring sufficient industrial land on Five Highway to serve as a transfer station and accommodate reclamation facilities.

Purchasing land, designing and developing a major sanitary landfill site near Ashgrove.

Purchasing an additional 25 acres near the Ashgrove site to handle demolition and construction waste material.

Designing and building a transfer station on Highway Five with provision for the addition of reclamation equipment later.

Adding all appropriate reclamation facilities at the main site if and when this is deemed desirable.

Over \$5 million
Financing the transfer station and the sanitary landfill development costs over 20 years will cost \$20,052 per year or \$5,013,040 based on eight per cent interest.

Recommendations in the report urge the region to develop a charge for private users of the dump. It also recommends areas having to haul over seven miles to the site should be compensated at the rate of 10.7 cents for every ton mile after the first seven miles.

The report estimates the region will generate some 191,210 tons of waste in 1974 with 15,000 tons being from construction and demolition waste and 10,000 from other special areas such as street sweepings, trees, brush, etc.

Regional Public Works Chairman Jack Balfis will convene a special meeting of the committee to discuss the report, but only after various citizen groups which showed interest in the topic have had time to read the report.



ANNABELLE WASN'T IN a hurry to go any place on Saturday as leader Patrick Barr pulls her along. Patrick's mother, Jennifer, leads a more cooperative Bear through the streets during the parade.

Opposition mounts to Ashgrove landfill site

The report was just off the press and opposition to the 150 to 200 acre regional landfill site was being voiced.

The recommended site is about a mile north of 10 Sidervale and east of the Fifth Line, near the Oakville Creek and the CNR railway.

Halton Hills Councillor Len Cox said he was dead set against the site. "The Region comes out with a land use policy saying this land should be retained in agriculture and now they say it should be used for a dump for the urban people in the southern part of the region."

"The north is prepared to provide for its own garbage but not for the whole region's. It seems everything nobody wants, we get in Esqueving. There is nothing feasible or reasonable about the recommendation," he charged.

Cox claimed a site more central to the bulk of the population where the garbage is being generated should have been chosen. Transportation costs are one of the key factors in the report.

"We won't accept it. We are humans, we have noses and our likes and dislikes aren't that different from those in the urban areas," he said.

"It's the old power struggle again. Where power is, problems aren't. I'll tell you, there'll be a rough go before we accept it in Esqueving," Cox said.

Johnson upset
Local environmentalist Bill Johnson deplored the choice of the site and the fact the study suggests using landfill 20 years from now.

Johnson and his colleagues in the Ontario Garbage Coalition and GUARD have suggested technology for reclamation is available and landfill on a major basis shouldn't be used for any more than five years.

In a telephone interview he said he was disappointed the report had not taken a more active interest in reclamation. The report indicates facilities for reclamation in the future should be provided but no action should be taken until the need is illustrated further.

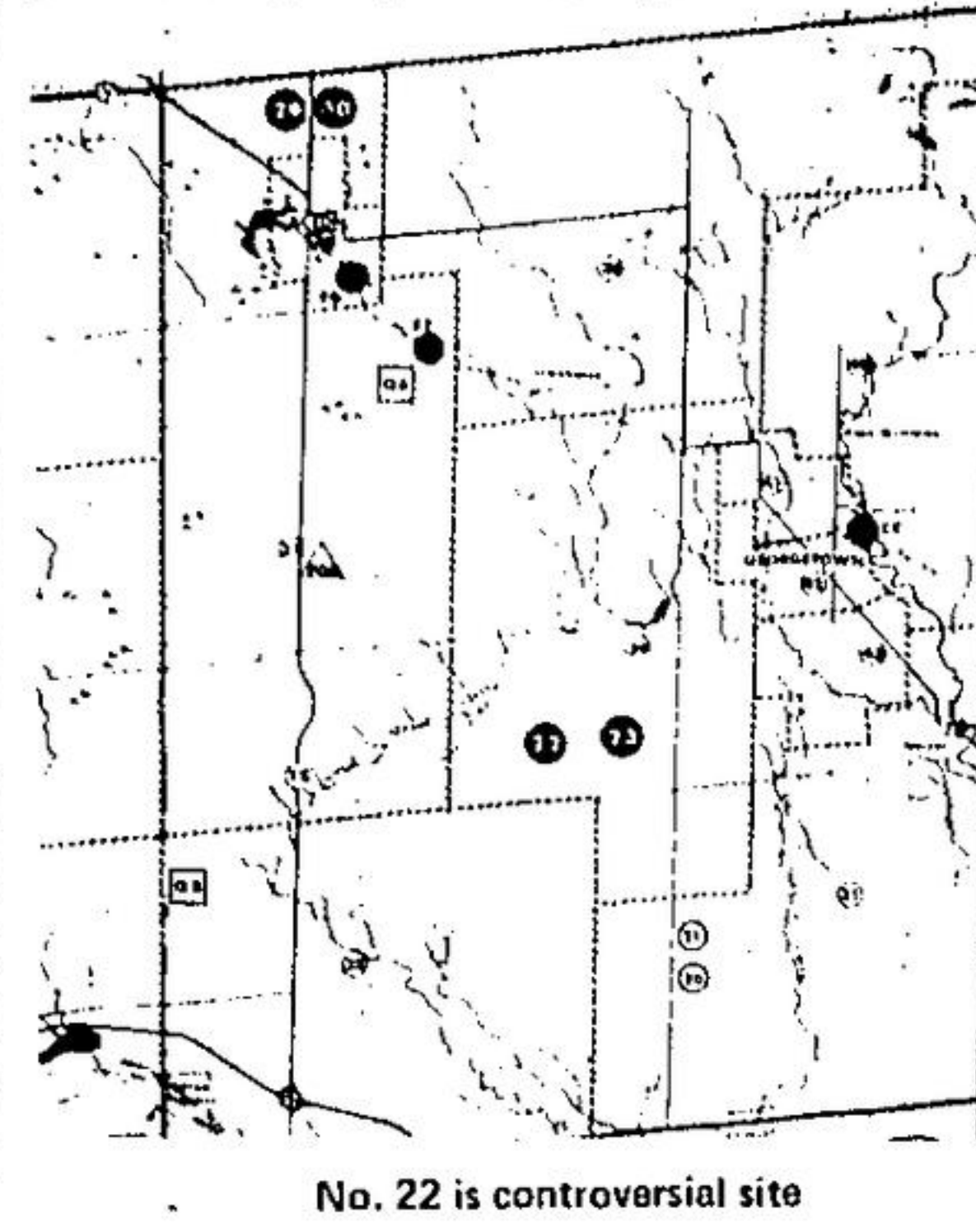
Johnson will organize a meeting of several interested ratepayer groups in order to discuss the report and formulate a critique on it. He noted this has been done in Ottawa and an excellent critique was prepared.

Says map wrong
Johnson said he intends to challenge the accuracy of the map included in the report. After comparing that map with a map from the Ontario Water Resources Commission, Johnson said the West Branch of the Oakville Creek is improperly shown. He claims that the creek, if properly shown, would go through the site recommended as a dump.

Johnson maintains that no landfill site is sanitary. Even those sites some municipalities boast of have their problems, he claims.

He notes rats in swimming pools, methane gas, and out of court settlements for damages to surrounding homeowners are all symptoms one might expect to find in the areas neighboring the landfill sites.

He claims there is evidence that shows pollution of wells two miles away from landfill sites. "The pollution in that case didn't become evident until 15 years after the site had been operating, according to Johnson."



Seven collisions in past week

There were a surprising seven car collisions in town the past week, none serious. No one was injured.

Sept. 21 at Bower and Elgin driver Ivan Harris, 75 Bower, was involved in a collision with a parked car owned by Karen Smith, 43 Churchill Rd. Damage to the Harris car was estimated at \$50, to the Smith car \$150.

On Sept. 20 a truck driven by William Manto, Main St., Rockwood, hit a tree and hydro wires on Knox Ave. Damage to the tree and wires was set at \$200. Apparently the trailer struck a low limb.

Sept. 21 two cars collided in the Dominion lot; driver Carl Jackson, 14 Main N. with \$125 damage to his car and parked car Charles Auger, 170 Longfield Rd. with \$75.

Sept. 20 drivers involved were Randall Deforest, Ballinacree with \$150 damage and Bozo Danicic, Toronto, with \$40 damage to the car. The accident happened on Division St.

Sept. 19 on Mill E. another collision involved Raymond Wellman, Guelph and Kevin Lumbers, 33 Churchill Rd. N. with \$150 estimated damage to each car.

Sept. 19 James Jansen, R.R. 1, Acton and Dean Taylor, 53 Churchill Rd., were drivers involved on Arthur St. with damage of \$225.

Sept. 17 on Mill E. Paul Ferguson, Guelph, driving a car from L. and I. Ford, and Jeffrey Wilson, R.R. 2, Rockwood, were involved, with \$5 and \$175 damage.

Local Crusade

Evangelical Pentecostal Tabernacle, 33 Churchhill Rd North, Acton, will have a Spiritual Life Crusade beginning Sunday, Sept. 29, and continuing through October 6. Miss Patricia F. Adkins of Illinois is guest minister for these services.

Miss Adkins, a widely-travelled, well-informed speaker, has addressed conferences, crusades, conferences, charismatic seminars, camp meetings and campus assemblies throughout the U.S.A., Canada and British West Indies.

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John Ross Optician opens third branch

A lot can be said for the small businessman, and John Ross, owner of John Ross Opticians on Mill St. is an example of this.

In 1967, Mr. Ross graduated from the two year Opticians course at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. Since then, he has opened up a store and laboratories in Streetsville, a store in Georgetown Marketplace, and now in Acton.

With the advances of medicine in today's society, cures are being discovered for almost everything. However, the human eye will always be susceptible to damage, thus it will always need medical aid, he says. Eyeglasses may be replaced with contact lenses, but they will never be obsolete.

Mr. Ross sells all styles of glasses and contact lenses. Metal rim and colored plastic frames line his walls waiting to be picked.

In one week, 25 pair of glasses are sold on the average. Many people choose the impact-resistant lenses for their own protection, Mr. Ross explains. The safety lenses are heat treated glass heated to a minimum temperature of 1,100 degrees and cooled with jets of compressed air. This treatment changes the way the lenses react to impact so they generally offer greater resistance to breakage.

Optical plastic lenses are made from a special group of plastics suitable for lens grinding and optical use and are naturally resistant to impact and breakage.

In the past few years, eyeglass frames have become a fashion catcher, says Mr. Ross. Metal rims in both silver and gold have become very popular with all ages. With these still very fashionable, a new look is

coming in. The wide colored frames are being seen on the streets and in the Opticians selection. These come in various colors including harvest green and gold, brown, red, burgundy and black.

Photographs have also become a very common thing in eyeglasses. This is a special treatment of the lenses which makes it automatically turn darker with more light. Photograph is a registered trademark of Corning Glass Works and have just been put on the market in the past few years. The average cost, Mr. Ross continues, excluding the price of the glasses themselves, is \$10, depending on the type of lens. This price will vary with the difficulty of processing.

John Ross is a specialist in contact lenses. Since his arrival in Acton he has sold two pairs and has sold several in the Georgetown shop.



John Ross, right, adjusts Pop Main's glasses.

Accident
Two Milton people were hospitalized and a new car was virtually demolished Saturday evening near Speyside when the couple's car left the road and rolled over three times before landing on its wheels.

Joseph Morgan, 55, of 122 Bronte St., Milton suffered a ruptured spleen, facial lacerations and other undetermined internal injuries in the mishap. His wife Geraldine, 53, had two broken arms, head lacerations and undetermined internal injuries. Police said Mr. Morgan was the driver. Both are in Joseph Memorial Hospital, Burlington.

Milton Firefighters were called to the scene, to ensure spilled gasoline did not ignite.

Halton Hills Society receives scroll

Halton Hills Cancer Society held a meeting Monday, September 16. Georgetown representatives were George Henderson, Ann French, Lillian Clayton and June Magnuson and Cynthia Green, Acton representatives were Marj Papillon, Wes Beatty, Sue Sale, Cathy McGillivray and Elma Braida. Ontario Field Secretary Bill O'Connor was also present.

Halton Hills Branch received a scroll for its successful fund raising campaign. A total amount of \$19,500 was raised which is 28

percent over the quota.

Plans for the Cancer Society display at the International Plowing Match were finalized and their booth will be at No. 226, First Street.

The Central Counties annual meeting and workshop will be held in Cooksville, November 8th at St. Martha and Mary Church, Burnhamthorpe Rd. The Halton Hills workshop will be held in Acton, February 12, 1975.

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