

Consider Milton Brick site

Study narrows landfill site list

A study team working on the Solid Waste Resource Recovery Program is expected to complete its investigation and search for Halton landfill sites later this month. Once that is done the study team will turn its findings over to the region's public works committee which in turn will recommend a site to Halton Regional Council.

The study team has been compiling data and gauging public opinion on waste management for the past three months. The committee includes representatives of M. M. Dillon, Consulting Engineers, Connor Development Limited, public participation experts and employees of the regional works department.

The committee will not recommend a specific site but rather put all of the necessary data involved in making that choice before the works committee.

Will upset some

Because of the poor image attached to landfill sites, the choice is a controversial one and members of the study team acknowledge that wherever it goes, someone will be upset.

During a press conference Friday in Burlington, members of the study team reviewed their work on the project.

Some of the findings seem to contradict the findings of an earlier study commissioned by Halton County Council.

The first study carried out in 1974 by James F. McLaren Engineering recommended Ashgrove area as the best potential site for landfill in the region. While not ruling out that site, the new study

team rates the Ashgrove site away down the line in a list of 11 potential sites.

Milton site

The study team also tends to give more credibility to the possibility of using the Milton Brick location as a site.

The McLaren report overlooked that land in its first report and when asked to look at it, specifically reported back to say it would be a poor site.

The study team rates it as having a poor potential as a major long term site and points out special precautionary measures would have to be taken to prevent contaminating surface and groundwater in the area.

On the other hand, the site is rated as good in five of the eight categories. During the conference Friday Wally Wells of the M. M. Dillon firm said the Ministry of the Environment position was one of extreme caution when it came to using quarry pits for landfill. He noted, however, that the Ministry did not rule out the possibility in fact a site in a quarry in Niagara Region was opened recently.

Say too small

The McLaren report worked on the premise that there should only be one landfill site for the entire region and on that basis, passed the Milton Brick site off as being too small.

Since then however, the public works committee has given the study team direction to consider having two sites and weigh the advantages of a two-site system compared to a system with only one site.

Because the greatest bulk of the refuse is generated in the southern part of the region, it is possible that a smaller site could handle refuse from the north only. Transportation costs are considered to be a major factor.

The three sites that seem to have the most favorable ratings at this point are all situated in relatively central places in the region.

Central area

One is near the Eighth Line north of Highway 403, another is directly north of that and south of Highway 401. The third of the highly rated sites is in the general area of the Tremaine Rd.-Britannia Rd. intersection in the southern part of Milton, formerly north Burlington.

Wells pointed out the Milton Brick site was the only one of the 11 in the Niagara Escarpment Control Area. He said the study team had yet to meet formally with commission officials but the informal indications are that the site could be improved by being filled in.

Wells explained the study team would not make recommendations to the works committee but put forward all of the pertinent data. "It's up to the elected people to make that choice. We'll provide the best technical information we have. They'll know the trade-offs if they choose one site over another," he said.

(Previous studies have indicated two possible sites north of Acton, one on each side of Highway 25. These sites are not shown in this study.)



HALTON HILLS Mayor Tom Hill is sworn in as a Halton Police Commissioner by chairman of the commission Judge William Warrender during ceremonies Thursday in Oakville.

Ashgrove rated poor for landfill

Residents of the Ashgrove area will breathe a sigh of relief to learn that their area is no longer being touted as the best location in Halton Region for a major landfill site.

Residents there have harbored fears since June of 1974 that up to 400 acres of land in the area would be used to bury garbage from the entire region. Halton generates 500 tons of garbage per day.

A \$60,000 report commissioned by Halton County Council and prepared by the firm of James F. McLaren presented the Ashgrove area site as the best spot in the region for a sanitary landfill site.

Ashgrove all but out

That report was published in June of 1974. Now, a year and a half later, a second team of consultants has identified 11 potential sites in the region and has all but eliminated the Ashgrove area site.

An engineering firm, M. M. Dillon and a public participation firm, Connor Development Services Ltd. are now working to determine the best landfill site in the region.

The firm was instructed by Halton Region's Public Works Committee to consider a plan that would involve two sites, consider sites not on prime agricultural land, investigate a site that could be used for dry waste only and consider the possibility of using abandoned quarry pits for landfill.

Hyde committee vice-chairman

Councillor Ern Hyde, ward three, was named vice-chairman of Halton Hills works committee at the committee's first meeting of the year Monday. Councillor Mike Armstrong, ward four, is the chairman.

Last year's chairman, Councillor Joe Hurst, ward one, and ward two Councillor Dick Howitt are also members of the committee.

The late Councillor Len Cox was the first chairman of the committee in 1974 and Councillor George Maltby, ward two, also served on the committee in the past.

Georgetown's GO trains plagued by malfunctions

Gremlins plaguing Georgetown GO Trains is the only explanation GO spokesman Tom Henry can come up with for a recent series of problems which have caused great inconvenience for commuters.

Monday was the worst day for malfunctions, Henry said, but he is at a loss to explain them because they are all unrelated.

The first train out of Georgetown Monday morning was delayed 20 minutes when a freight train broke down just outside of the town.

The second morning train experienced clear sailing to Union Station but the jinx returned in time for the third in time for the third morning train.

Henry explained for some reason when the GO train met a CN westbound train at Woodbine siding the CN train suddenly had an emergency brake application which prevented the GO train from continuing. An 18 minute delay resulted.

The second train from Union Station to Georgetown Monday afternoon was late leaving and arriving because of a malfunction.

Passengers on the second train also rode in the dark and without heat.

The first train to Georgetown each afternoon goes to Pickering first and then non-stop back to Toronto in time to pick up commuters going west at 5:10 p.m.

A power failure on the train developed in Pickering and it was thought to be a faulty cable from the engine to the cars. GO and CN had a technician standing by to repair the cable.

As luck would have it the problem wasn't in the cable but in the first car in the train and couldn't be fixed immediately.

Henry said it came down to a case of either running the train with no power going to the cars, or cancel it altogether.

The train left 18 minutes late and it was a bit "nippy" in all the cars.

Last week all three afternoon trains were late arriving in Georgetown one night because of a track switching problem along the route. One hour delay resulted.

Henry added there were some other minor problems for Georgetown GO trains last week.

"There must be gremlins hiding somewhere. CN and GO take precautions to keep things running smoothly but we have been plagued the last week by an entire series of totally unrelated problems which all seemed to come at once."

Breast self-examination, practised regularly, is simple, takes little time and is effective in detecting changes in the breast which may indicate cancer.

Decisive leadership

Federal government shifts into action

A definite change in the climate at Parliament Hill took place in 1975 as the government moved from a position of analyzing the economy and other conditions and situations to a climate that featured a government of action.

That was one of several observations Halton MP Frank Philbrook made during a recent year-end interview with this paper.

"There was a move towards more decisive leadership as witnessed by the anti-inflation program. That's really just getting started and it still has to evolve as we experience it."

Strong stand

"The postal strike was another area where the government took a strong stand in spite of the fact it was hurting everyone. It's remarkable the support the government got, especially from small businessmen who were hurting financially."

"There's a long term problem that will continue in the essential services as long as they have both the right to collective bargaining and a virtual monopoly on the service."

"It's a serious situation and we have to find an alternate to the strike. This will be difficult because labor looks at the strike as its ultimate protection."

Philbrook explains the Canadian Labor Relations Council is working to bring business, labor and government together.

Thorny

"That agency doesn't have the answer to what has probably become one of the thorniest problems facing the nation."

According to Philbrook the postal strike was not by any means the strike to end all strikes. He sees the situation as one where parliament is on the horns of a dilemma.

It has no desire to interfere with free collective bargain-

ing in any sector of the country and it doesn't want to become a labor relations board passing rulings on disputes, but the country at the same time can't continue to be bogged down with such strikes.

More action

Looking over the year, Philbrook points to government action in a number of fields including housing, energy, a new competition bill, a move to form a trading link with the European Economic Community, moves to control government spending and a move to boost the defense department as examples of good legislation.

According to Philbrook, the country will hit its target of 210,000 housing starts in 1975 and has set a target of 1,000,000 over the next four years.

The thrust of the government involvement is to encourage lenders to put money into low cost housing, encourage builders to build low cost housing and then persuade municipalities to accept it.

Philbrook says the federal government is making money available to assist in the costly business of servicing land and providing incentives for low cost housing in a variety of ways.

Competition

The new competition bill will guard against misleading advertising and try to assure competition in the face of big power interests that exist in the free market system.

The pipeline from Sarnia to Montreal will assist in providing for one national price for fuel. Progress is being made in the government's effort to develop fireclear energy, he added.

Efforts to develop alternate sources of energy like solar energy are still regarded by Philbrook as being "a bit futuristic."

Philbrook noted that Canada had diversified its

trading partners and will continue diversification as it seeks greater export markets in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, among other places.

New emphasis

The MP noted there was a move underfoot to change the emphasis on foreign aid to foreign trade. In other words, rather than making gifts of food or money the emphasis will be on assisting underdeveloped countries to develop resources and take part in world trade.

"This will take the stigma away from foreign aid. It is often something that is resented by both the country receiving aid and by Canadians," he said.

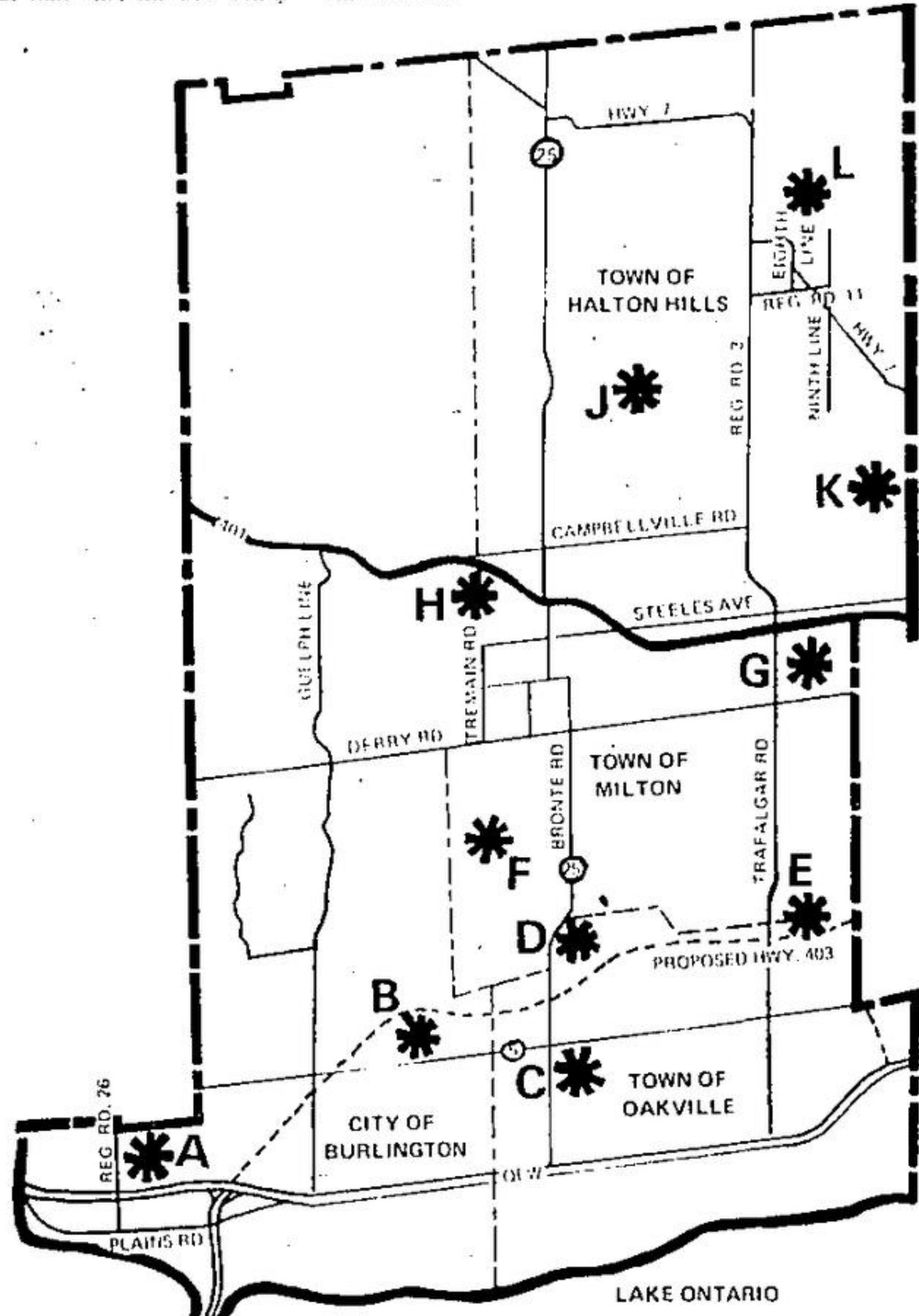
Second open house

A second round of open houses to offer Halton Hills residents a chance to participate in the selection of new landfill sites for garbage disposal in Halton, is set for Stewarttown school, 7th Line and 15 Sideroad, on Wednesday, January 21.

Target areas which are technically sound have been identified, the technical committee says, and they want the public's assessment of the social acceptability of various sites as selected.

The committee urges the public to attend and see the display about Resource Recovery and talk with members of the study team. Hours are from 3 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Stewarttown school.

The United Church of Canada is involved in 20 full-time hospital chaplaincies, eight of them on an ecumenical basis.



POSSIBLE LANDFILL SITES for Halton Region are depicted by the letters A to L on this map. The sites were proposed following a recent survey and now the public will be asked to comment on each site. Three of the sites are in Halton Hills, four in Milton, two in Oakville and two in Burlington.

Choose landfill site

Residents urged express opinions

Residents of Halton Region will have an opportunity to help choose the site or sites for Halton's sanitary landfill operation.

A brochure being mailed to 67,000 households in the region asks residents to choose from 11 sites that are under consideration.

Carolyn Dutka of Connor Development Services, the firm heading the public participation aspect of the study, said she expected a lot of interest would be shown now that the actual areas have been identified.

Mrs. Dutka told a press conference in Burlington Fri-

day that a second round of open houses would be held in each of the four Halton municipalities from Jan. 20 to Jan. 23.

An earlier brochure and round of open houses drew a poor response from individual residents but Mrs. Dutka feels that a large number of people had their views conveyed through the 50 or so organizations she held discussions with.

A brochure being mailed out identifies each of the 11 areas on a map and provides technical ratings for eight different categories representing a number of con-

cerns.

Mrs. Dutka said the replies would have to be mailed in by Jan. 23 so the information could be collated and digested before the study team reports to the regional public works committee later this month.

Open houses will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Jan. 20 in Burlington, Jan. 21 in Halton Hills, Jan. 22 in Milton and Jan. 23 in Oakville.

With the exception of Halton Hills, each of the four open houses is being held in municipal libraries. In Halton Hills the meeting is being held at Stewarttown School.

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