Consider 1,200 acre dump near Hornby

Councils are investigating the possibility of operating one giant landfill site that would handle garbage from all of Peel and Halton Regions.

The site proposed is in the Hornby area-south of Highway 401 and straddling the border between Halton and

Last week both councils passed resolutions directing staff and consultants to investigate the feasibility of the

Until that turn of events met and discussed the resource recovery, it said it

A dramatic change in

thinking of Halton Regional

Councillors that seems to

have elevated the Hornby

area as a favored locale for

the massive landfill site has

disturbed residents in that

Last week the possibility of

a massive 1,200 acre site

serving Halton and Peel was

announced. That site is

designated as an agricultural

area straddling the Halton-

Peel border south of Highway

Both Regional Councils

have agreed to investigate

the likelihood of such a site.

That investigation is now underway and will take about

six weeks. Meanwhile invest-

igations at other sites in the

region are being carried out

concurrently.

last week, Halton had unofficially favored a site in the centre of the region near Britannia and Tremaine Rd., south-west of urban Milton.

Got together Meanwhile Peel Region was also looking at a site near the middle of its region. Halton Regional Chairman Allan Masson told a press conference last week that the idea for a shared site came about after he and Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis

Hornby to fight site

Halton region.

is in the greenbelt.

Milton Councillor and a

Hornby area resident Don

Gordon said that the site

would provide an ugly view

for people as they enter

be situated under the pro-

posed 500 kV hydro line and it

"I'm sure the province

doesn't want too many people

working under the proposed

hydro line," he said Gordon

recalled that earlier reports

suggested the site was one of

most expensive to develop,

once the existing artesian

wells were taken into consid-

He predicted that the

people in that area would be

prepared to put up the same

sort of strong fight and repre-

He points out the site would

problem with their counterparts in Peel. That meeting two regions. The regions said took part when the parties involved were attending an ACRO planning seminar.

According to Mr. Masson, the idea makes good sense at a first glance. He sald the shared site could be operated by one staff and one set of machinery and eventually one resource centre could be established there for the two

When the province first indicated a move towards

sentation that the people in

the Tremaine-Britannia Rd.

Nancy Kee, a resident

the idea was dreadful. "Just

terrible, the whole idea of

burying garbage is so arch-

aic. There are places in the

United States and Canada

where refuse is disposed of

right in the cities and no one

is aware of sight or smell,"

Meanwhile some residents

in the Tremaine-Britannia

area are hesitant about

organizing any celebration

concerning their own fate.

"We see it as a smokescreen

and we won't be letting up our

The by-law was rejected

A request for a recorded

vote on the matter was

deemed out of order as the

matter was considered to be

finished once it was defeated on first reading. By-laws

have to be read three times

before they become law.

with next to no discussion

during Wednesday's meeting.

fight," one resident said.

area had put up.

that would be unworkable and convinced the province to authorize studies for a plant in each region. If the shared site is developed, it would almost certainly lead to one resource recovery plant as Both regions are under heavy pressure to provide a landfill site or sites-and

would help fund one for the

quickly. Halton's sites will be filled to capacity by the middle of next summer. According spokesman from the Peel clerk's office, "the need is for a site yesterday." Meeting only one day after the Halton meeting, the Peel Council

passed a resolution indicating full co-operation in the investigation of a joint site. According to the official, Peel sites are overflowing now. Sites there are being

living just south of the pro-posed site, said she thought sites are over capacity. filled to higher elevations and If a joint site is proceeded with, it will be in the order of 1,200 acres, three times the size of what Halton was looking at for its own needs.

During the debate at Halton Region's council meeting, Milton Councillor Jim Watson said the overall idea made sense and he favored it in a general way, "but isn't this the site that had the underground river running through it when the experts were pushing for the Tremaine

Public Works Chairman Raftis said the \$20,000 worth of studies commissioned earlier on four Halton sites would continue. "I think it is wise to continue that study concurrently. We could get held up on the other."

Works committee member Councillor Gord Brown said it would be important to have the answers on the other sites as well. He didn't want to delay one study until the other was completed.

The M. M. Dillon consultant's report, outlines difficulties with the Hornby site. Consultants suggest expensive engineering might be necessary to protect the area from groundwater pollution. On the other hand the larger site, if accepted, would make it possible to consider imaginative innovations like

developing the site into a ski

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Salary cut goes by the board

Even though it had voted earlier to support a 10 per cent reduction in salary for Halton members. Regional Council rejected a by-law that would have implemented the \$850 cut at a meeting Wednesday.

For months now, councillors have preached restraint. The most often uttered phrase by politicians at the regional level is "in this year of restraint. The message during the

region's council meeting Wednesday was that restraint or no restraint, salary reduc-tion is a "no go" deal for the councillors.

Budget meetings held recently stressed the tight money situation and in fact even Wednesday's meeting featured endless rhetoric about economic restraint.

Typical The by-law was rejected on an 11-9 vote. Council's action Wednesday is typical of the unpredictable style that has marked council since its

Council had passed a resolution in January calling for the preparation of the bylaw. Usually once a resolution is passed indicating council's intent, the passing of a by-law is a formality. The by-law was initially

brought forward in March. At that time it was deferred at tion. "I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't afford

Sun bathers on Saturday were caught short Sunday by cool temperatures and a brisk breeze.

the request of Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur.

She noted February and March were the months many councillors used for winter holidays and southern trips. As the by-law affected all councillors, it should be voted upon when all members could be in attendance, she said.

Wednesday's meeting was held with three members absent. Two of them had favored the reduction. Mary Munro, who also favored the reduction, was unable to vote as it was her turn to serve as chairman of the committee of the whole session.

With the exception of a few, regional councillors have full time jobs outside of the political interests.

\$8,500 now Councillors receive \$8,500 each for service at the regional level as well as varying degrees of payment at the area level. That ranges from a low of \$4,000 per year in Oakville and Milton to \$6,800

in Burlington. Halton Hills councillors receive \$5,400. Burlington Mayor George Harrington earns \$21,500 as Mayor and \$8,500 as a regional councillor and drives

a city-owned Chrysler. He is the only mayor in the region who has a municipally owned car at his disposal. Mayor Harrington was one of the opponents of the reduc-

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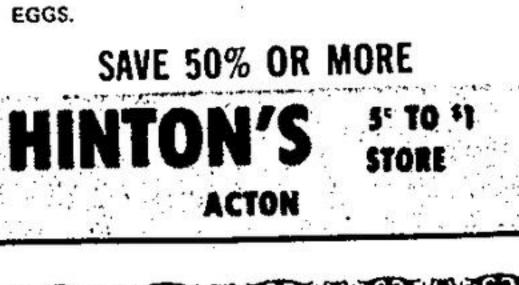
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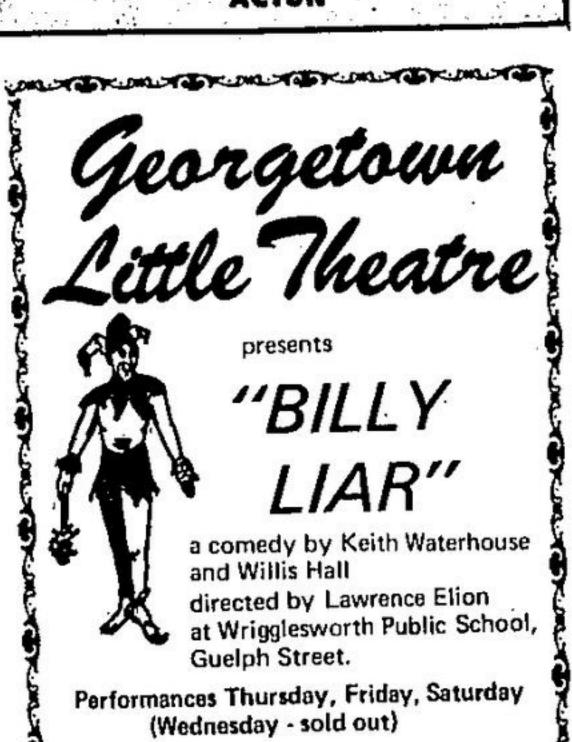
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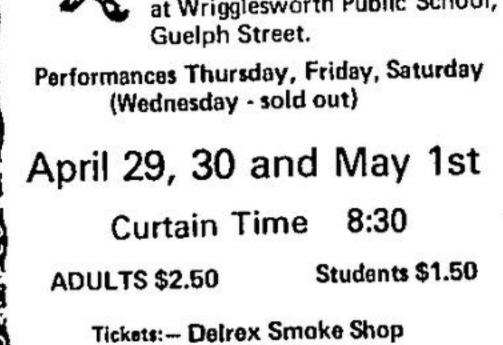


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