

Region won't consider alternate dump sites

After three hours of debate Halton Regional Council refused to authorize studies, investigation and drilling at four sites that could prove to be alternatives to the proposed Site F at Tremaine and Britannia Rd. for a dump.

The crucial vote was lost on a 12-8 count with all three Milton councillors voting against the motion to look at alternatives.

Ironically, Milton councillors and Site F opponents have been urging the examination of alternatives for more than two years and have always met a wall of opposition within the council.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow said the move was "absolute hypocrisy" on the behalf of Milton councillors.

"Staff is trying to do everything they can to find a solution to this problem. They've asked councillors to look at alternatives and they won't vote for it. They (Milton councillors) have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

"We recommended the route that we felt was best to proceed on. They voted against it, and I'm really at a loss," the chairman said.

Morrow said the council had acted irresponsibly and had pushed the situation to a critical level.

Other recommendations set the life of the site at 2,000,000 tons instead of six years and authorized staff to respond to questions raised by Milton Council concerning the region's choice of Site F.

Perlin told council costs of carrying out the recommended studies could run from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and the estimated cost of developing Site F is \$2,000,000.

Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis fought to have the life span at Site F changed from six years or 2,000,000 tons to 6,000,000 tons or 20 years. "It's been four and half years looking for a site and it will be seven years before we find one. Why play around with a six-year site?" he asked.

Both Perlin and Morrow explained all formal applications were based on a six-year site on council's instructions and to abandon that would mean starting from square one and drafting a whole new application. Perlin said that would set the process back several months and "use up time the region doesn't have".

By refusing to consider alternatives the region is

saying it is Site F or nothing. Oakville Councillor Mac Anderson said that by voting against Perlin's suggestion the council closed the door on alternatives to Site F. "If we don't get Site F approved, we could be up to our ears in garbage," he warned.

Consultant Wally Wells told council that the District Office of the Ministry of the Environment had recently indicated it may not be able to support an application for Site F if it is on a six-year basis because it doesn't show any long term planning.

It was Anderson who made the motion to have the investigation of Sites B and D broadened to include investigating the possibility of expanding the existing Oakville and Burlington sites.

Raftis shouted at Anderson when he made the motion, "You promised people there that there would be no expansion. You pay more attention to the Site F guy (lawyer David Estrin) than your own lawyer and he's the guy that has caused all of the problems," Raftis shouted. Both Anderson and Perlin made it clear they weren't anxious to go up against Estrin in court again. Estrin

had threatened to go to court if the investigation did not include possible expansion of existing sites.

Perlin insisted that it was compulsory to have the testing done because the region had to have a fair comparison for Site F when it goes before the environmental board.

In answer to a question from Councillor Jim Watson, Perlin said that if tests proved other sites to be better than Site F, he'd recommend a new application.

Just before the vote, Chairman Morrow told the council that Watson had just told him he wouldn't support investigation of alternatives because he felt Milton had a better chance to defeat Site F if the region had to go before the hearing board without any comparisons.

Morrow later described that as some of the dirtiest politics he'd ever seen.

Stu McFadden, President of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group, said he was disappointed in the outcome and had hoped the council would have authorized the requested investigations.

Outside the meeting, Milton Mayor Donald Gordon said he had voted against considering alternatives because he felt more attention should be paid to Milton's 10-point resolution, and he was suspicious of the motion. "The whole thing seemed fishy."

Councillor Jim Kerr said the whole meeting was a farce and he indicated he would like to see landfill responsibility returned to the area councils so one council wouldn't be pitted against another.

He said he was opposed to spending \$200,000 to find alternatives and he indicated he, too, was suspicious of the intentions of the region.

Unless there is a motion to reconsider council's actions, the region will be forced to go to the Environmental Review Board with a proposal for a six-year site at Site F and without any proper comparisons to make with it.

According to regional officials, time is rapidly running out in the existing sites and if Site F is turned down, the region would soon have nowhere to put garbage.



OPTIMISTS ELECTED an executive May 16 at their first meeting. Front row, left to right are Harmen Vander Heide, Walter Barlow, Bill Chagnon, field representative Paul Gorman and

Bert Huisman. Back row from left to right are Bill Johnston, Al Burns, Bob Hart and Clive Jago.

Optimist Club chartered with 40 members joining

Acton, as of last Tuesday, can now boast another community service club to its credit as Bill Chagnon has seen four months' work result in the chartering of an Optimists' club with the sponsorship of the Milton Optimists.

The two sponsors, Dennis Kwasnicki and Bob Ives, were at the meeting, along with Milton Optimist president Ron Hudd, Don Knight and Bill McGuiness.

V.I.P.s from the district organization were on hand for the chartering, which will become official July 15. These included District Governor Bob Wahby and district secretary-treasurer Don Rake, as well as Ab Flood, chairman of the new club building committee for the Ontario district.

Only 23 Actonians had agreed to join the Optimist Club by May 9, but Chagnon, in a last minute flurry of activity, raised that number to 40 by the chartering meeting May 16 at the Station Hotel. The club is still planning to grow, and signed another member at a meeting last night.

Chagnon, as acting chairman of the club, opened the meeting and ran it until after dinner, when he turned over the gavel to field representa-

tive Paul Gorman, who was here from Pittsburg representing Optimist International. Gorman welcomed the 40 new members to the club, and spoke on Optimism and how the Optimists are the fastest growing club of volunteers in the world.

There are 3,500 members in North America, with the motto A Friend of Youth. Statistics say each Optimist reaches 11 children. "Eleven times 3,500 is a phenomenal number according to Chagnon.

Gorman also spent some time discussing what an economy would be like without volunteer organizations and how much higher our taxes would be. He said the Optimists are in town to work with other community groups, not against them.

After his opening remarks, election of officers for the new club began. The officers are: president, Optimist Bill Chagnon; vice presidents, Optimist Bob Hart and Optimist David Henderson.

There are six directors, two serving for one year, two for two years and two for three years. They are Optimists Harmen Vander Heide and Al Burns (one year), Optimists Walter Barlow and Bill Johnston (two years) and Optimists Clive Jago and Dave Boycott (three years.) Optimist Bert Huisman was

approved by the board to act as secretary-treasurer.

All terms of office in an Optimist club begin on October 1, so these men will all have an extra five months in their time in office. New elections will not be held until October 1979.

Zone Lt. Governor Jim Windich was on hand to inaugurate the vice presidents.

Immediately after the elections the club got into a board meeting which, according to Bill Chagnon, had him going until 3 a.m.

The first general meeting of the club was last night, in the Acton Restaurant. Com-

mittees were set up to start the work of the club. The club will be sponsoring "whatever our funds find feasible" according to Chagnon. He mentioned they are in the process of considering a bike safety demonstration.

The club is working on organizing its fund raising activities.

Talking of his executive, Chagnon said "with a bunch of men like I have no doubt the club will be successful."

He concluded by saying "I consider this one of the greater landmarks of Acton and I look forward to putting out Optimists signs at either end of town."

Henry's to clothe cops

Halton Regional Police Commission awarded to tender for uniforms to Henry's Clothing and Custom Tailors, of Georgetown.

The tender is for \$31,634.72 and involves approximately 200 uniforms for the police. The decision came during the May 11 commission meeting at Oakville.

Halton police chief Ken Skerrett agreed with the recommendation from the region's senior buyer that the tender go to H & H Clothing.

Halton Region's senior purchaser Ken Alexander confirmed that the name of the company in the tender is

Henry's Clothing of 62 Main St. S. Georgetown.

Alexander said Henry's will measure each officer on the force and also make whatever alterations are necessary. M. Stone Co., of Toronto, will cut, and make the uniforms, Alexander said.

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All other awards related to examples of citizenship in the south of the county.

Halton Region Chairman Ric Morrow, of Georgetown, thanked all the citizens for their services above and beyond what is usually expected.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed echoed the words of Morrow and Kerr took the opportunity of wishing District One Superintendent Floyd Schwantz the best in his job as chief of police at Timmins. Schwantz has probably done more "to raise the morale of the force and the respect of citizenry than anyone," said Reed.

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