

Veto lifting of dump rules

In spite of protests by a number of councillors during a meeting of Halton Regional Council Wednesday, council rejected a move to lift restrictions on Halton's sanitary landfill sites. The restrictions were first placed on the sites a month ago to bar dumping of industrial or commercial waste including construction rubble, bricks, wood, and inert materials. The restrictions were placed on the sites by staff in order to preserve what space remains in the landfill sites for domestic garbage—which is most likely to cause problems with contamination if it is not dumped in a proper site. Councillor Archie Donaghey objected to staff closing off the public sites without first finding dry waste or alternate sites.

"If they have a problem, we have a problem, and we should try to help them," Donaghey said.

But Public Works Chairman Jack Raftis said it is up to the private firms to find their own places to dispose of the waste. "If they think we are going to continue to find places for them to dump waste, they are mistaken. They can take it to Peel, to Hamilton-Wentworth or Toronto. They can do what they like with it. They can develop their own sites," Raftis said.

Burlington Councillor Ben Ciprietti took the same view as Councillor Donaghey. "We have a responsibility to industry, just as we do to other citizens. Garbage disposal is our responsibility and we should find a site for their waste."

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill said he would like to see the restrictions lifted because his public works crews were finding it difficult to clean up all the waste that is being dumped on the roads since the dumps were closed to industry.

"We're in bad enough straights with industry as it is in the north. We don't need this," Hill said.

Raftis suggested that the construction rubble that is being strewn on the ground is a small problem compared to the one they'll have with wet domestic waste if a new site isn't found soon.

Raftis said private sludge haulers found places to dump sludge and private people can find places for garbage as well.

But Halton Hills Councillor Roy Booth reminded Raftis that sludge haulers spread sludge on farmers' fields. "You can't very well spread concrete on farmers' fields," he said.

Burlington Councillor Vern Connell said he had received phone calls complaining about restrictions and he referred them to the councillors who have been dragging their feet on the garbage issue.

"The answers are there. You just have to have the guts to stand up and face it," Connell said.

Connell has been a staunch supporter of Milton's Site F as a landfill site ever since it was first proposed.

Restrictions were placed on the use of landfill sites after staff learned of a decision to reject the proposal for a massive site at Maple. Halton had considered trucking garbage there as an

emergency stop gap measure if it became necessary. Now staff say they have no alternatives to Site F and no answers to the predicament the region faces.



THERE MAY HAVE been some folks who did not appreciate the warm weather we have had recently: Rufus the dog sought the shade of a large tree on Bower Ave. to rest, with his tongue hanging out. Rufus' long hair, besides hiding his eyes, could make it warm for him in summer.

Panel tours 11 buildings

A tour of public facilities in Halton was taken by the Public Institutions Panel which reported back to Halton Judge Alan B. Sprague a week ago.

Their only stop in Acton was at the library and it was closed. The day for the tour was a Monday, when the library is not open. It's open from Tuesday to Saturday.

The panelists reported on Acton library anyway, concluding it appeared "well maintained" from the outside. They went to Burlington library instead.

The panel consisted of seven Halton citizens. It replaces the old Grand Juries which used to tour public buildings at the time of the Supreme Court hearings.

In Georgetown, the panel reported arena washrooms are inadequate and dressing rooms too small. The arena is "well maintained and structurally well cared for... the building both inside and out was kept clean."

Here is the Panel's report on other public buildings in Halton:

MILTON JAIL, May 1, 1978
The calendar of prisoners was examined. All prisoners were in the course of being tried or heard.

The panel wholeheartedly agrees with the decision to close this facility. Throughout the visit we were greeted with the sight of archaic conditions that showed people being exposed to inhumane treatment.

At the time of our visit the jail had been without heat since April 22, caused by a boiler breakdown. The installation and receipt of the needed part was still two to three days off yet no attempt other than providing a blanket was being made to provide minimal shelter needs.

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM, May 1, 1978
This facility upon completion will be a true credit to the Region.

Mr. Carbert, the General Manager, is well versed in the growth and expansion of the museum. He is an extremely dedicated, knowledgeable person interested in the complete project.

Recommendations
The panel was treated to an invigorating tour of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and Lawson Building by their extremely competent administrator Miss Parsons. The panel would like to present to the court the following observations:

1. The information provided by Miss Parsons was informative, detailed and accurate.
 2. The buildings were clean throughout.
 3. There was no antiseptic odor in the building.
 4. The food was excellent.
 5. The hospital uses the "Alladin" system to keep food hot for distribution to all floors as well as to people on the "Meals on Wheels" program. An excellent approach.
 6. Many of the patients complimented the staff, the care given and the food received.
 7. Test labs were overcrowded yet the staff were conscientiously working at all times.
 8. The home setting approach to patient care in the Lawson Building encouraged a healthier mental attitude and hopefully better results than would be normally expected.
- The panel would present to the court the following recommendations:
1. The Alladin system of food transportation be recommended to all hospitals.
 2. The test labs be increased in size.

Erin pair earns gold

The piranha fish exhibit, presented by two Erin brothers, earned a gold medal from the Canada Wide Science Fair at Sudbury recently.

Ian and Trevor Haws, R.R.1 Erin, also won an all-expenses paid trip to the London International Youth Science Fortnight in July.

Trevor, 18 and Ian, 17 attend Erin and District High School.

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A CIVILIAN CITATION was given to Ken Chappell, centre, during the Halton Regional Police awards night at Burlington on May 16. Mr. Chappell is flanked by his wife Valerie and District One Superintendent Floyd Schwantz. Mr. Chappell drove traffic accident victim Frank Toth 15 miles to hospital during one of the worst storms of the winter.

Travel country roads

The Royal Botanical Gardens invites you to join a 50-mile automobile tour through the back roads of Halton and Wentworth Regions to interpret specific

landforms, abandoned fields, farmsteads, a hamlet and a woodlot. The tour, led by John Lamoureux and Dr. James Pringle, takes place Saturday June 10. Participants are asked to meet at the Royal Botanical Gardens Headquarters Building on Plains Rd. in Burlington at 9:30 a.m.

Elora cuts fire help

Elora Village council suspended fire protection to Nichol and Pilkington townships because they refused to sign a new fire protection agreement. Pilkington, however, moved quickly to reinstate the service by signing the agreement.

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