

Reed says toxic waste dump plan enhances argument against Site F

by Julia Reed, MPP

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation's Phase 2 Report has caused concern that an industrial waste disposal plant may be located in our Region. The epicenter of distance from the waste producing areas coincides with the Site F proposal in Milton. In addition a portion of the Zone 2 area includes a portion of Halton Region.

Dr. Chant, the President of the Ontario Waste Management Corporation, has also stated publicly that the most desirable area for an industrial waste plant would be within the Golden Horseshoe.

The site selection process has resulted in the designation of three areas within the Golden Horseshoe. Zone 1 is the most desirable and primary area for location of a waste disposal plant. Zone 2 area contains some zones of desirability but is marginal; the remainder is the large geographic area in the Golden Horseshoe which is rendered ineligible because of soil condition.

Zone 1 is mainly in the Niagara Peninsula. Zone 2 includes part of Metropolitan Toronto, a small portion of Halton, and an area surrounding Zone 1 in the Niagara Peninsula. The remaining area involves a large geographic area of the Halton Region. Therefore, most of Halton can be entirely eliminated from consideration as a possible location for a waste management site. This area also includes the Site F location at the epicenter of the transportation area.

In the circumstances, the area of concern would be to the east of Milton, South into Oakville, and north into the South-Easterly portion of Halton Hills which includes some Zone 2 land. Much of this Zone 2 area can immediately be eliminated because of its proximity to significant population centres.

It should also be pointed out that any waste disposal site should be surrounded by a large empty "envelope" area. This would further reduce the number of possible sites in Halton.

Beyond these observations it would be premature to speculate whether any area in Zone 2 in Halton would be considered. However, the possibility cannot be discounted. There has been some concern that the area under the epicenter, known as Site F, might be a candidate because of its transportation proximity. It is not in an area of consideration and it is interesting to observe that if Dr. Chant's study is credible, the argument against using Site F as a dump is even further enhanced.

The Region would be well advised to look at the Ontario Waste Management study since it obviously disqualifies Site F as a landfill site. Apparently, the technology proposed for disposing of these industrial wastes renders toxic chemicals virtually inert. At this time it's unknown how this compares to municipal garbage. However, we do know that municipal garbage buried in permeable soil produces a leachate which cannot be totally collected with any known technology.

We would therefore urge those con-

cerned with the establishment of Site F as a garbage dump, to use Dr. Chant's work as the strongest possible reinforcing argument. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on the areas in the so-called Zone 2, although we realize that studies have not yet begun on the prime area which is Zone 1.

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For the third year, an outstanding young farmer of 1983 is being sought by the Georgetown Jaycees.

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All entry forms must be submitted by midnight February 28. Participants or those who want to nominate someone should call Fred Gillard, 877-0046.

CVCA aims for 5% increase

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is aiming for an increase of no more than five per cent in the 1983 budget.

The staff will bring final estimates forward next month. Until the end of November 1982, only 66 per cent of the \$5.2 million budget had been spent, and only 47 per cent of the revenue had been received.

The cancellation of plans for a new \$800,000 administration building accounted for the decrease in expenditures.

The CVCA had 40 employees at year's end, with 26 salaried, eight regular, two part-time and four casual.

Board objects to hydro rate hike

Halton Hills Hydro Commission last week received a copy of a letter to Ontario Premier Bill Davis from the Halton Board of Education protesting Hydro's 1983 rate increase of 8.2 per cent.

The letter, with copies to all hydro utilities across the region, said the hydro offices should have stayed with the five per cent increase suggested by the Ontario government.

Commissioner Ab Tennant, at the hydro meeting Friday, suggested the school board write to Ontario Hydro. Halton Hills Hydro just passed on the increase from Ontario Hydro.

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