

Report pinpoints 2 dump sites — Johnson

Milton councillor Bill Johnson believes the regional consultants report on solid waste released last week, points to two landfill sites being built in Halton in the future, despite consultant Peter Walker's assertion no such decision has been made.

"That report is pushing for two sites," said Johnson, adding he believed the two sites would be built in Milton and Burlington.

The first stage of the report by consultants Walker, Wright and Young, was explained to a crowd of about 60 at a public meeting at the region Thursday evening.

Repeatedly, Walker stressed no alternative has been chosen and he made a "plea" to regional council not to rashly make a short-term decision until they opt for a method of disposing of their garbage.

Pointing to the amount of data on landfill sites in his 161 page report, Walker explained it was not because "it was going to come to that," but just to show what the consultants knew about landfill sites.

Using 22 charts and maps to refer to, Walker spoke for about two hours, before opening the meeting up for questions and answers.

The report outlined the costs of the four alternatives with landfill sites emerging as the least costly. On the last page of the report, it stated that the landfill site could be the "most reasonable alternative" for Halton.

"If the Region... is not prepared to pay a premium to institute a system of solid waste disposal," the report stated, "then the total landfill system is the most reasonable choice since it avoids major capital expenditures, is not reliant on future markets which currently do not exist and is a proven methodology."

But Councillor Johnson objected to the premise made in the report that landfill sites are the least expensive. "These sites look beautiful on the surface, but there are problems of cost in the after-care of the sites," he said.

"And if you've got the site, you'll not want to spend money on resource recovery," he said, adding the issue would probably be "put on the back burner."

Walker did point out that any regional council who chooses a landfill site because it

is flexible for resource recovery, would have to be extremely dedicated. "It would take, not necessarily a unique, but dedicated political group," he said.

"A landfill site is certainly flexible but in a political arena, that's a difficult position," Walker said. "If you're designing something for 20 years down the road, unless it's an extremely dedicated group, there is not enough incentive to do those things."

In the report, it listed a landfill site as taking between five to eight years to be implemented.



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Top speakers in Georgetown Optimist Club's annual public speaking contest are, front row: Richard Sowers, Georgetown and Candace Girdwood, Orangeville. Middle row, Optimist Tom Ramautarsingh, finalists Marina Ann McBride, Erin; Barbara Copple, Mississauga; Greg Richardson, Orangeville; and Optimist

Lt. Gov. Norm Guthrie. Back row, finalists Lisa Carter, Georgetown, Michelle Ridley, Hillsburgh, Marco D'ovido, Mississauga and Blair Krudwig, Erin. Winners were chosen at the public speaking finals at the Optimist Hall Sunday.

\$100,000 to discover — we need a dump

Halton Region must have a landfill site and the only questions to be answered are where to put it and how large it should be.

That's the conclusion of the most recent report issued by the consultants preparing a \$100,000 environmental assessment as part of Halton's search for a new garbage dump.

Members of the solid waste management committee were given their first look at the report Monday.

Consultant Peter Walker, of Walker, Wright, Young Associates, told committee members the report was not a detailed analysis of the various options open to the region for disposing of its garbage, but an overview of the choices open to regional council.

Under the terms of reference for the study, this stage was to examine the region's future need for landfill site space and to identify alternatives for handling the garbage.

According to the figures gathered by the consultants, Halton residents and businesses produced 205,116 tons of garbage last year and all of it was buried in landfill sites.

Since January, Halton has had only one garbage dump located in Burlington, which must close in March of 1984 and its neighbors have been promised it will not be expanded.

The 161 page document identifies five major alternatives for waste disposal in Halton, including exporting our garbage to another area, burying all of it, mass burning with or without steam production and the construction of a resource recovery plant for the production of refuse derived fuel.

Other options, such as source separation (where recyclable material is separated in the home and put out for collection separately) and composting, were also considered but were "judged to have too small an impact on the total waste stream to rate them as prime options."

Throughout the primary stages of their work, and throughout this report, the consultants firmly refuse to make clear recommendations for action from the region. They do, however, note the recommendations of experts they have consulted during the course of their study.

The report specifically notes the advantages of the mass burning alternatives, saying this could accommodate up to 65 per

cent of the garbage produced in the region. Of the two, the preferred option is clearly to produce steam while burning the garbage—steam which can be sold to industry.

The authors warn, however, the burning alternative can be extremely costly if there is not a market for the steam because of extra steps which must be taken to treat the steam before it is released into the atmosphere.

These factors, according to the report, suggest the region should plan on opening a dump large enough to handle all of its garbage for the "foreseeable future."

The use of that site could be reduced as alternative disposal methods are developed, thereby increasing its lifespan.

Source separation programs should be encouraged, but the region should be prepared to waste some of the material it recovers in this way when markets are weak, they add.

Mr. Walker told committee members the region should expect to have to bury at least 50 per cent of its garbage for the next 20 years until the markets for recovered resources improve.

In the conclusion portion of this report, the consultants warn the alternatives to total reliance on landfill sites amount to asking taxpayers to pay a premium price for garbage disposal.

"If the situation is... that the Region, Council and the residents are not prepared to pay a premium to institute a system for solid waste disposal, then the total landfill system is the most reasonable choice since it avoids major capital expenditures, is not reliant on future markets which currently do not exist and is a proven methodology they wrote.

They warned, however, if a landfill site large enough to handle all Halton's garbage for 20 years is opened, "there will be no requirement (beyond the sense of commitment) to provide the alternatives."

Manor work contract let

A Weston firm has won a \$69,000 contract to install Halton Centennial Manor's new kitchen equipment.

Regiona Council approved the award in a special meeting last week after being told the speedy approval was required to ensure provincial financial support.

Manor administrator Rick Kuafman told councillors the final bids on the work were higher than had been initially budgetted because the first projections were drawn up in 1981, and some changes have been made since then.

"The costs for this work have escalated significantly in the last two or three years," he said.

Hercules Food Equipment Ltd., won the contract over three other bidders, although two were disqualified because their tenders were incomplete.

The new equipment is required for the Manor's new cook-chill food processing system.



Scott Nowlan, public speaking champ, is aiming for the provincial finals. This is the third year in a row that Scott has picked up the Optimist Club zone championship for public speaking. Scott, a Grade 10 student at Acton High School, receives congratulations and a trophy from Acton Optimist Club president Bill Hodgson.

Severances approved

Halton Land Division Committee approved Albert Eutenier's application for severing a lot at Carruthers Road and Main Street North as long as he extends the land by two meters, allowing access from Carruthers Road.

Solicitor Fred Helson asked committee that the usual one year lapse condition be extended to two years, due to what he called the "slow process" of land development.

That same night, committee also approved a boundary adjustment on Lot 32, Concession 8 on the basis of the owners, Raymond Arthur and Barbara Holland needing shade from a tree line.

Committee also approved a severance on a property on Five Sideroad in which one neighbour was giving part of his property to another.

Arnold Sasek was donating 25 feet of his land to Bruce Gordon. "I've known Bruce about 20 years and he wants to enlarge his lot a little," explained Sasek, adding he wants to add 25 feet to his backyard.

Big Sisters get \$1,500

Regional council granted the Big Sisters agency \$1,500 Wednesday afternoon, after one councillor pointed out the unfair practice of funding Big Brothers annually but rejecting Big Sisters.

Council approved a \$4,800 grant to the Hamilton branch of the Big Brothers and also approved \$4,915 going towards the Oakville Milton Big Brothers.

"We'll support little boys, but not little girls," stated Oakville councillor Fred Oliver, adding Big Brothers had received grants totalling \$23,000 in past years, whereas Big Sisters "haven't had a nickel."

Scouts, Cubs

"Trees for Canada" planting day April 30

by Jean Layman
"Trees for Canada" is the next major event for North Halton District Boy Scout movement. Planting Day is April 30 and each section has been reminded to be at its respective site and ready to start at 9:30 a.m.

Sandy Keir Co-ordinator of this eleventh Annual Trees For Canada event may be reached at 877-1978 for further information.

Gord Douglas—president of North Halton District Council chaired the regular monthly meeting held Wednesday evening in Limehouse Memorial Hall. Douglas reported all of the contingent from England have been billeted in homes except 26 Venturer Scouts. These boys range in ages from 14 to 17 and will be stopping over in this area enroute to the 15th World Jamboree. Anyone wishing to give home hospitality may contact Gord Douglas at 877-4852 or John Sharples at 853-1968.

A vote of thanks was extended to Standard Products Canada Limited for the gift of money. Groups are reminded to contact D.R. Morrier for a tour of the Public Works during the week of May 20 to 28 for Open House, both in Acton and Georgetown. Mr. Morrier can be reached at Oakville 1-416-827-2151 ext. 245 for tour arrangements.

Awards night is to be held June 1 so any leaders with presentations may contact Elaine Hannah as soon as possible. For new leaders there will be a part 1 Course to be held in Orangeville. Contact person is Elaine Hannah.

Anyone wishing to go to the Circle Pine, at Camp Borden, for the Handicapped cubs or scouts are to contact District Commissioner John Sharples by May 1, 1983.

Leaders going to the 15th World Jamboree Appreciated the gift of Jamboree jackets, from North Halton District Council. A letter of thanks was also read from Dave Shrubsole for his gift. Others going to the Jamboree are Elaine Hannah, Jean Layman, Brent Collier, Evelyn Owen and Dawn Lockhart. Venturer Brian Collier and Venturer Don McDonald who recently moved to Western Canada, will also attend.

Secretary Beth Donkers is contact person for the vastly improved design of the 1984 Calenders. All groups are reminded to order in June to be assured of getting the Boy Scout Calenders on time.

The Explorer hike for Scouts and Venturers is scheduled for May with all plans on the way—May the Spirit Live On.

Accept tender

London Machinery Company Limited was awarded the tender for an eight cubic yard salt and sand spreader, at a cost of \$10,753.

Halton Hills council accepted the Tender, which was the lowest of three submitted.

Discuss open Sunday under tourist exemptions

Should fruit markets be allowed to stay open Sundays under a tourist exemption? Halton Hills councillors discussed tourist exemptions for Sunday store openings at length at last week's general committee meeting.

Longo's Fruit Market in Oakville has asked the region to allow it to be open Sunday under a tourist exemption and the senior level of local government asked Halton Hills its opinion.

Town staff recommended fruit and vegetable stores not be included as tourist exemption businesses, but that they be allowed to remain open Sunday if an entire area, such as Acton, was designated as a tourist area under which all businesses in the specific area would be allowed to stay open.

Following the debate Halton Hills councillors decided to tell the region they have no comment on the issue.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said he was opposed to any regulations governing Sunday closing after noon hour. If this was truly a free country people would be able to shop for anything after noon on Sunday.

Mayor Peter Pomeroy said staff wasn't recommending against Longo's, that was an Oakville matter, staff was simply suggesting that the guidelines for Sunday opening under tourist exemptions not be changed to include fruit markets. If the request for an exemption was being made in Halton Hills he would have supported it, the mayor added.

Sunday store openings was a complicated issue because it involved unions, wages and prices in stores, etc. Pomeroy noted it was wrong to say all stores should be open Sunday after noon hour, pointing out some people go to church in the afternoon and evening.

The fruit market which is open in Halton Hills Sunday meets the criteria to be open on Sunday, the mayor said.

If fruit markets could be open council might as well say all food stores can be open Sunday. Councillor Harry Levy said. He couldn't see how a fruit market could be considered a tourist business.

At councillor Dave Whiting's suggestion it was decided Halton Hills had no comment for the region on the issue.



Damian Nikic

Nikic receives realty honor

Damian Nikic of the Royal Trust Georgetown office, 174 Guelph Street, has been awarded the Gold Leaders Club plaque for his accomplishments in 1982. This is his second year in a row for this award.

He says buying and selling activity in the Georgetown-Acton area has improved greatly over 1982, with prices having stabilized. He predicts small regular price increases in 1983, and claims the mortgage rates at a five year low, combined with a good selection shows a healthy market has returned.

Nikic says, despite tough economic times, year-to-date sales are the best in Royal Trust history, well ahead of company predictions for '83.