

Halton's refinery plans greeted with suspicion

Neighbors of the Shell Refinery in Oakville are simmering over Halton's \$90,000 study of a plan to buy the facility and turn it into a regional public works-sewage disposal complex.

Regional council hopes the refinery is almost ready-made for such a complex which could save taxpayers \$4-5 million for the construction of facilities that are needed before the end of the decade.

But the residents are worried that such a move will only add up to headaches for them with lowered property values, higher property taxes, truck traffic and noxious odors.

"A plant has to be built, no ifs ands or buts," said Dennis Perlin, Halton's chief administrative officer to about 150 people at a public forum in Burlington Thursday night.

But though regional staff and a number of councillors carefully explained that they were just studying their options and that the residents' concerns would be a major consideration in any decision, the meeting was marked by suspicion and in some cases anger.

"I think we have a beautiful area and I am not prepared to accept this," said Oakville resident Robert Gardner.

"You tell me that it won't smell and I will write you when the plant goes in and tell you that it does," he predicted. "You'll say I am sorry but it's already there."

Burlington resident Jim Adams criticised the region for providing only sketchy details of their study, though the Halton panel made it clear the investigation was only in its \$10,000 initial stage.

"I think this meeting is a waste of my time," Adams said.

He and others expressed suspicion that the region was well on its way to trying to implement a plan and in an interview said the residents would have to do some strong lobbying to stop it.

"Years ago you could walk away from a meeting like this and say that's it, there's nothing we can do, but now we're going to

take some affirmative action," he said. The panel took great pains to make it clear the residents would have important input into the study.

Shell had originally intended to demolish the refinery and sell the 240-acre site for industrial, commercial or residential use. All structures on the site have been sold to a demolition firm, but Shell and the firm have agreed to hold-off any major work until Halton reaches a decision, probably in April.

Perlin indicated that if the region bought the land, the lower tax assessment on the property would likely cause Oakville taxes to rise.

But other speakers explained that residents shouldn't fear lower property values since Oakville homes near such industries as the Ford plant have not been adversely affected by their location.

Halton's director of Public Works, Bob Moore, stated that odors from a sewage treatment and sludge storage plant would not be a problem if it was well run. He said that in the last seven years he has yet to hear one complaint from the homeowners near the region's six other sewage disposal sites, and he offered to set up tours of regional sewage facilities for the residents.

Halton's study will look at the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of converting the refinery's tanks, stacks and buildings to suit their needs. If construction from scratch on 50 acres of land currently owned by the region on the South Service Rd. in Oakville, the projects could cost upwards of \$30-million.



Participants taking part in the No. 1 Wood Badge training course for Beaver, Cub and Scout leaders, Scouts Canada, was held last week-end November 19 and 20 at the Acton Scout Hall. Participants from Acton included Jim Auger, Terry Bridge, Sharon Caswell, Glen Helkaa, and Judy Osman. From Ashgrove—Brian Boyce, Richard Poth. From Georgetown—Irene Hartrick, Arch Hayden, Alfred Hutchins, Bernadene Kavanagh, Gordon Lookman, Bud Martin, Madeline Osatchuk, Sandra Parker, Leo Postlethwaite, Dick Scheeringa, John Scheeringa, and Victor Zabacs. From Glen Williams—John Little, Peter Valentine. From Milton—John Boyles and Tim Sberlin.

Wood badge course for district leaders

Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Ashgrove and Milton participated in a value packed part No. 1 Wood Badge Course last weekend November 19 and 20, held in the Acton Scout Hall.

Coordinator Terry Colter and Course Leader Theresa McLaughlin made this special training course possible to prepare all participants for better structured programs.

The history of scouting, aims and principles were outlined. The proper presentations of badges and awards, and many, many more useful helps to prepare all participants to continue on and take part No. 2 of the Wood Badge Training.

Fun goes along with learning and crafts, stories, songs, and skits were enjoyed by all. Campfire planning being another important session, as well as proper objectives for

planning all regular meetings in advance. Scouting with the Handicapped was presented by Dawn Lockhart, with many useful ways to help the boys.

Sunday morning Captain Perrin of the Salvation Army led all Scouters in the "Scouts' Own" service.

A wrap-up session at the end of the weekend training proved successful and all participants were eager to put to use all of the valuable training sessions in their groups.

Staff assisting were:

Beaver Colony training—Sue Walton, Steve Thompson, Kathy Brown. Pack staff—Peter Frommel, Dawn Lockhart.

Troop Staff—Mark Rowe, Sandy Booth, Brian Stewart, Don McLaughlin.

Venturer Eddie Eppinge outlined the Scouters-in-Training.

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