

# Region fends off criticism over landfilling

by PAUL DORSEY  
Halton councillors were told last week to avoid any delay in their efforts to select and prepare a regional landfill site but they weren't about to accept any criticism.

Presented on behalf of the Halton Chambers of Commerce Association, a ten-minute address by Oakville Chamber president Angelo Serafini prompted an hour-long debate in which councillors had the speaker backpedalling on remarks he'd made.

"Now I know how Daniel felt," Serafini said in reference to the biblical tale of Daniel in the lion's den. "It's a political reality that there has to be a fall guy, and we accept that you're laboring under the requirements of provincial legislation."

Burlington Chamber president Tom Sutherland, a former regional councillor, finally stepped to the microphone to

acknowledge that he had initiated discussion about landfill issues at a recent meeting of the Halton Chambers Association, which includes representatives from the Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Burlington chambers.

Saying he'd like to see the Province streamline its legislation and provide necessary capital costs for Halton's Energy From Waste (EFW) program, Sutherland quoted an Ontario Supreme Court judge's findings indicating there could be no harder decision for a municipality to make.

"But you have to take some of the responsibility," he added. "You can only pass the buck so far. I realize you're on a timetable, but there's a lot of money involved here, well over a million dollars in consultants' fees alone. It's consultants studying other consultants' reports."

The Association agreed unanimously to approach council with their concerns, Serafini said, in the hope that it might prompt Halton to expedite the site selection process.

"I want to know who it is who's saying the Region isn't doing everything in its power to expedite the process," Burlington Councillor Steve Toth demanded, firing the first volley.

"That's certainly not the impression we want to give," Serafini answered. "We are not saying the Region is at all slow."

In his address, Serafini had acknowledged the "onerous obligations" Halton faces in selecting a landfill site in accordance with the terms of the province's Environmental Protection Act and Environmental Assessment Act.

"We've been witness to a process that's

been going on since the early '70s," he said. "We want you to find a solution to the solid waste problem properly and make a decision as expeditiously as possible."

"I'd be very interested in hearing what your specific proposal is to expedite the situation," Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeiwich asked Serafini.

The Chamber speaker pointed out that his group has not made "a technical study" of the issue and said it would be "improper" for the chambers to tell the Region specifically what to do. As one suggestion, however, he recommended that Halton focus on landfill site selection for now and worry about its concurrent EFW investigations later.

Serafini told Mulkeiwich he was prepared to ask the Oakville Chamber's member businesses to try and reduce the amount of

waste they're producing in an effort to help the Region.

"I really thought the Chambers were better informed than you indicate," Milton Councillor Bill Johnson said, asking Serafini if he could obtain a commitment from the Halton chambers that they won't oppose any landfill site selected by the Region. Serafini answered that he could not.

"Then what are you doing here?" Johnson retorted.

"We've made no implication that someone is not doing his job," Serafini said. "We are not here to criticize."

In response to another challenge from Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, Serafini said he was prepared to take the same submission to the Province in an effort to have Queen's Park help speed up the site selection process.

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## Miller won't give up on VIA service

Mayor Russ Miller said he hopes to return to negotiations with VIA Rail officials with the support of Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermaid and Halton MP Otto Jelinek.

Miller is requesting VIA to once again allow passenger trains to stop in Acton. A meeting earlier this month involving Miller, Councillor Rick Bonnette, Chamber of Commerce president Steve Dawkins, Town clerk Ken Richardson and VIA Rail officials saw VIA opposed to the idea.

Miller will be setting up a meeting with McDermaid and Jelinek sometime next month.

The mayor said negotiations thus far have been good, although in the vein of "this is what we want" and "this is what we won't give you".

"I don't feel we've had enough negotiation," Miller said. "I would like to pursue (the matter) to make sure that we have approached it from every angle."

There are ten VIA trains running through Acton every day, five each way, but officials said stopping in Acton would mean a five-minute disruption of the schedule.

The mayor said the need and the passengers are in Acton.

"They (VIA) would probably have to operate at a loss for a time, but with new development in Acton it would be very profitable for them (VIA)," he said. Miller said he is optimistic.

## Parade and carnival

The recreation and parks department's children's summer activity program holds its annual parade and penny carnival in Acton for all program participants, their families and friends Aug. 2. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. and activities will be held at the arena at 7.30 p.m.

## Cheers!

Patrons of the Miss Acton Fair Contest Sept. 14 can enjoy a wine and cheese party after the event, and the beer tent known as The Spot in the Park returns during the fair Sept. 14, 15 and 16. Town council approved a request Monday from the Acton Agricultural Society's John Rowe.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?



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## Bacteria count still high in Eden Mills area water

Numerous water samples taken in Eden Mills have shown unacceptably high bacterial counts, according to a report before Eramosa council Monday night.

The readings, taken from the Ash Street-Town Line, Main St. and York St. areas are the main concerns the report said.

"The bacterial counts are well over the acceptable limits," said Roy Hillis, director of public health inspection with the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit. Well testing has shown the fecal coliform count is acceptable.

Hillis noted that most of the residents in the affected area are supplied with water from private wells, and because of the shallow soil in the area, contaminated ground water can reach the wells before being properly filtered.

The health unit will notify each resident of the results of testing on their drinking water and recommendations will be made on an individual basis.

Similar tests were conducted a year ago, it was reported to council, with similar results obtained.

A Canadian manufacturing firm may

locate in Eramosa Township bringing with it an estimated 50 jobs for area residents.

Dermish Canada Inc. has requested council's permission to build a factory on Lot 24, Concession 5 of the township which will manufacture refrigerator trucks, trailers, tanks and stainless steel equipment.

A letter presented at council Monday night stated that the company would initially hire 50 people to run the light manufacturing business and within five years the firm could employ as many as 80 people.

Councillor Alda Jackson remarked that the land on which the firm has asked to build the facility isn't designated for industrial use and council should try to encourage the business to locate in an established industrial park in the area.

## Acton Rock Fest

# Rising young star Patti Jannetta fresh from duet with Diddley

Tickets continue to sell steadily for the Acton Rock Fest '84 Aug. 4 at Prospect Park, featuring headliners Bo Diddley, Ronnie Hawkins and Long John Baldry. In this second in a series of profiles of the individual performers, the Free Press meets Canadian singer Patti Jannetta.

Patti Jannetta is one of those singers who leaves you wondering. There are plenty of them around, but everyone knows only a few will make it big.

She's attractive and talented and has the attention of a lot of show business movers and shakers, including Rock Fest star Rompin' Ronnie Hawkins, who was reportedly bowled over by her singing at his 25th anniversary showcase last year at the CNE's Carlsberg pavilion.

Another listener who turned into an immediate fan was a young television marketing company president. After hearing one of Jannetta's independently-released singles on a major Toronto radio station, he called her with an offer of a TV campaign.

The resulting album repackaging of the previously shelved debut, "Patti Jannetta", and a top-quality commercial to promote it, promise to spread the word coast to coast. Can national fame be far behind?

It's not like Patti Jannetta came out of nowhere. She had a starring role in a Toronto production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and has headlined the Royal York's prestigious Imperial Room. Her hosting

## Cedar Rd. homes

# Developer wins policy reprieve

Paul Nielsen does not want to pay the Town five per cent cash in lieu of parkland and in addition be forced to give or sell a block of land to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Nielsen, president of Cedar Road Developments, which plans a 13-lot subdivision on Churchill Rd. North near Acton High School, claimed it is unfair and said the amount of land which the Town and the CVCA said should be "conveyed to a public authority" far exceeded the five per cent mandatory under the Planning Act.

The 12 lots are on tableland, but the 13th lot, while out of the floodplain, is part of a section of land described by the CVCA as susceptible to flooding.

It is this section which the CVCA says it will require be conveyed to a public authority as a condition of development.

Nielsen told Town council Monday night that conveyance would mean he was giving away 53 per cent of the land.

Councillor Pam Sheldon maintained that either the five per cent cash, or Block A should be acceptable, but not both.

Asked by Councillor Mike Armstrong to explain the Town's position, planning director Ian Keith said the Town wanted the five per cent cash because the recreation director said the other land is not suitable for parkland.

Keith said the Town was not asking that Block A be given but should be in public ownership. "It can be sold to any public authority," he added.

Nielsen interjected, "Of course, in that case make me an offer."

Armstrong backed the five per cent cash, but said he, for one, didn't want the land, but was doubtful Nielsen could find anyone to buy it. He noted there is a lot of private land in the floodplain which the CVCA can't afford to buy. He doubted they would find the money to buy Nielsen's parcel.

Councillor Phil Carney termed the conditions harsh. He said it was too much to expect Nielsen to pay the cash and have the land taken away from his as well.

"We're saying he must sell to a public body, but there's no public body to sell it to," commented Carney.

Nielsen, who has been seeking approval for the subdivision for at least six years, said the plan had gone down from 28 lots to 12, then the one lot was added. He said he is willing to dedicate Block A but doesn't want to pay the cash as well.

Councillor Ross Knechtel could see no reason to have the land in public ownership when the CVCA controls flood-prone land anyway, regardless of who owns it.

Carney suggested the five per cent requirement be deleted instead of the land conveyance, but the remainder of council voted to take out the clause demanding the land be conveyed into public ownership. The five per cent cash in lieu of parkland will remain as a condition.

## Falling tree kills man, 45

An RR 3 Rockwood man was killed in an accident in Georgetown, shortly after noon on Friday, while cutting down a tree.

Maumo Martalla, 45, and owner of the Tree-Man Limited was pronounced dead on arrival at Georgetown Hospital.

He had been cutting down a large tree at Lot 7 on Main St. S., when as it was being winched down, it struck a large branch on another tree which fell and hit Martalla, knocking him to the ground.

Martalla, who has been in the tree cutting business for 11 years, was married and the father of three children. He will be buried in Fergus on Thursday.



Pete Viletstra, Paul Tobin and Kelly Harkley (in the backhoe) were hard at work last week as reconstruction of Meadvale and Westcott Rd. in the Glenlea subdivision got underway. Construction should be completed by September.

## Construction completion slated for September

Residents of Meadvale and Westcott road in the Glenlea subdivision will have to put up with at least six more weeks of dust and noise before reconstruction of their street is completed.

The reconstruction, which started last Tuesday will bring the two roads up to full urban standards, said deputy town engineer Ted Ballinger.

During the reconstruction a new road-base, asphalt, curbs and gutters will be

installed and some sidewalks and sodded boulevards will be added as well, Ballinger said.

Work crews are grading the streets and some storm sewers are being installed. Upon completion of the project, streetlights will be relocated.

The project, tendered by Cox Construction of Guelph for \$142,000, should be completed, weather permitting, by the first week of September, Ballinger said.



Peter Cargill, Greg Leatherland, Ron Robinson and Vince Rogers (left to right) are some of the local hockey players who'll be travelling to Norway thanks to funds raised at the Aug. 4 Rock Fest. Pictured with singing sensation Patti Jannetta, who will be performing at the Prospect Park concert, the hockey players are hoping the day will be an unqualified success.