

Johnson put on the spot

Bill Johnson found himself on the other side of the fence last Wednesday when he was forced to defend his selection of an area near Appleby Lane and Sideroad 5 as a possible regional landfill site.

The executive member of the Group United Against Rural Dumping (GUARD) attended a regional public works meeting to discuss his two proposed alternative sites to the solid waste management report, prepared by J. F. MacLaren.

Mr. Johnson met opposition to his Burlington site by a group of nine residents headed by William Dunlop. Mr. Dunlop said the Appleby site is listed as number one.

"Naming this site came as a bombshell on us," he said. The MacLaren report, which the region paid more than \$60,000 to have prepared, lists a number of possible regional landfill sites and recommends that one of the two sites in Ashgrove be used.

RESIDENTS FORMED
Residents from that community, in Halton Hills, formed groups and fought the recommendations at a public works meeting Nov. 13. At that time, Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur asked Mr. Johnson to find possible alternatives.

After spending approximately \$10 Mr. Johnson proposed alternative sites one in Burlington, south of Highway 5 between the Guelph and Appleby Lines.

Another is in Oakville, approximately 2,000 acres north of Highway 5 between the seventh and ninth lines.

Mr. Johnson reported that there is either very little water in these areas or the water supply is of poor quality. He added that the land has not been designated for prime agriculture in either case with the Burlington site close to the proposed extension of Highway 403.

Countering his arguments, Mr. Dunlop pointed out that one farm in the area has operated since 1917 and the farmer believes he has prime agricultural land.

"Also, this land is hardly isolated," he said, pointing out that there are 11 homes in the immediate vicinity. "The ground is relatively high and a landfill site would be a real eyesore."

PRICE OF LAND
Mr. Dunlop added that the price of an acre south of Mr. Johnson's proposed site is listed at \$60,000 and the land is in the provincial government's green belt.

"If the region decides to totally disregard this report (the MacLaren report), we feel it would be a grave disability to the taxpayers in the region," he said. "We don't believe you people should succumb to the pressure from other groups."

Mr. Johnson said after the meeting that he was happy that opposition was presented to his proposals. "I only thought that more people would be concerned," he said.

He added that he has a strong opposition to putting garbage in the ground because "there is no such thing as a sanitary landfill site."

Twin-Cee receives contract

OTTAWA—Twin-Cee of 20 Armstrong Ave., Georgetown has been awarded a \$43,000 federal contract to provide the government with waste receptacles, the department of supply and services announced Monday.



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