

# Site near Hornby at top

**Public had big say in final decisions**

A 480-acre site near Hornby has been selected as the first alternative location for a new regional garbage dump. The area is located east of Trafalgar Road, just south of Highway 401.

The site tops a list of four alternatives proposed in a 114-page interim "Resource Recovery Study" being carried out by M.M. Dillon Ltd. under guidelines set out by Halton and the province.

Eleven possible locations for a new regional garbage dump were considered by the consultants.

The three suggested sites located in Halton Hills — the rapidly shrinking Georgetown landfill site, the contentious Ashgrove site and a third located on the Tenth Line in the southeast corner of the town — were ranked well down, if not at the bottom of the list of 11.

Taking into consideration such factors as public response, water courses, preservation of agricultural land and minimization of transportation costs, the consultants concluded that four alternatives should be considered by the region's works committee and council as a whole.

A pamphlet distributed to all Halton homeowners early this year had a great deal to do with the high ranking of the Ashgrove site. The report notes that, because of its distant location from the prime sources of Halton's garbage, Oakville and Burlington, haulage costs to the site will be high.

While this alternative does not offer the most economical solution, it was the stated first choice in public preference," the study concludes.

The report showed that 29 percent of the 2,500 respondents to the brochure favored the Hornby site.

The first year's annual cost of operating the Ashgrove site, however, will be \$1,249,146 or roughly \$5.56 per ton.

That's roughly \$50,000 (23 cents per ton) more than the study's second alternative site located in southwest Milton between Highway 25 and Tremaine Road, centred on Briannia Road.

That site, the study concludes, "from an economic and technical point of view, is the best choice, however it received only a fair rating in public preference."

A third alternative which the study presented is the establishment of two short term sites consecutively, first at a site in northeast Burlington just north of Highway 5 and then, 2 years later, at a site on the Oakville-Milton border.

The consultants were not very optimistic about such a plan's success as they noted "Both locations have development problems and neither is large enough for a major landfill site on its own. Therefore the investigation, approval and site development process must be undertaken twice. Both site locations rate poorly with the public."

Alternative four was a combination of the consecutive dumps outlined in alternative three plus a smaller landfill operation on the Hornby site.

The Hornby site would accept garbage from the north part of Halton while the other would handle the south's refuse.

The study's analysis of the Hornby site shows that about 80 percent of the area is rated as Class 1, prime agricultural land, with the remainder rated as Class 3. There are few drainage channels on the site which, during run-off periods, are believed to run into Oak-

ville Creek. The quality of the streams, the study notes, is low.

Visual impact of a landfill site would be very high, the study continues, due to the flatness and openness of the terrain. If the site was built in the north end with access off Trafalgar Road, screening would be required by Hwy. 401.

Of the homes located on the site the report points out that one, located on the Eighth Line, south of Derry Road, "is a brick house of Haltonite style and a brick carriage house circa 1870. There is also a big barn in good condition with a large, attractive cupola."

Another home on the Eighth Line just north of Derry Road was built around 1865.

The study's conclusions on the Hornby site are:

While the area is generally good agricultural land, it is not being intensively farmed. A main railway line crosses the area.

The impact of a landfill site in this area would be minimal. Noise and dust are already created by 401 and the railway line. There are only a few dwellings in the area and a radio transmitting station. The area most likely for landfilling is between Highway 401 and Derry Road.

The conclusion on the second alternative states, "Of all the proposed locations (this) appears as one of the best for landfill operations. The site is just north of the waste centroid and therefore is central for waste disposal in the region."

However it adds, "The location of a site in this area will remove good agricultural land from potential production. While portions of the area are not currently intensively farmed, the potential is there. It is noted that major parcels of land along both Tremaine Road and the First Line are posted for sale."

The major block, however, to that site's acceptance was its low rating in the public

participation poll. Haulage costs may be an important factor that regional councillors will consider when making their final choice.

Burlington and Oakville account for 75 percent of the wastes produced in the region, the report states. "A natural divide in the region is Highway 401. That part of Milton south of 401 contributes approximately nine percent of the total wastes. Therefore, 85 percent of the wastes in the region are generated from the area south of Highway 401 and 15 percent from the area north."

By 1955, the report adds, it's estimated that the percentage of totals will change slightly with 88 percent generated south of 401 and 12 percent in the north half of the region.

Estimating the costs of hauling garbage to the Hornby site the consultants estimated that it would cost \$143,890 per year to transport Burlington's garbage there; \$92,269 for Oakville's; \$34,890 for Halton Hills'; \$16,700 for Milton's. The total haulage costs each year to the Hornby site would be in the area of \$287,315.

Moving it closer to the major producer, Burlington, by selecting the second alternative would cut the overall haulage costs per year by \$18,000 in comparison to the Hornby's site's costs.

Burlington's haulage costs would drop by approximately \$23,000 per year while Halton Hills' would increase by \$9,000. Any thoughts that the Georgetown dump could be improved were squashed by the consultants' conclusions that "because of Hydro-geologic constraints, size limitations, access and distance, it is suggested that this area not be developed as a major landfill site."

They did, however, add that "consideration be given to development of a small site to serve Halton Hills and north Milton only."

In their summary of the third considered site in Halton Hills, located in the southeast portion of the town, the consultants noted that the Queenston shale bedrock on the site "is the aquifer for most of the wells in the area, and a ground water recharge zone is apparently situated over the central part of the site."

Therefore, they concluded, the site should be ruled out "because of hydrogeologic and topographic limitations."

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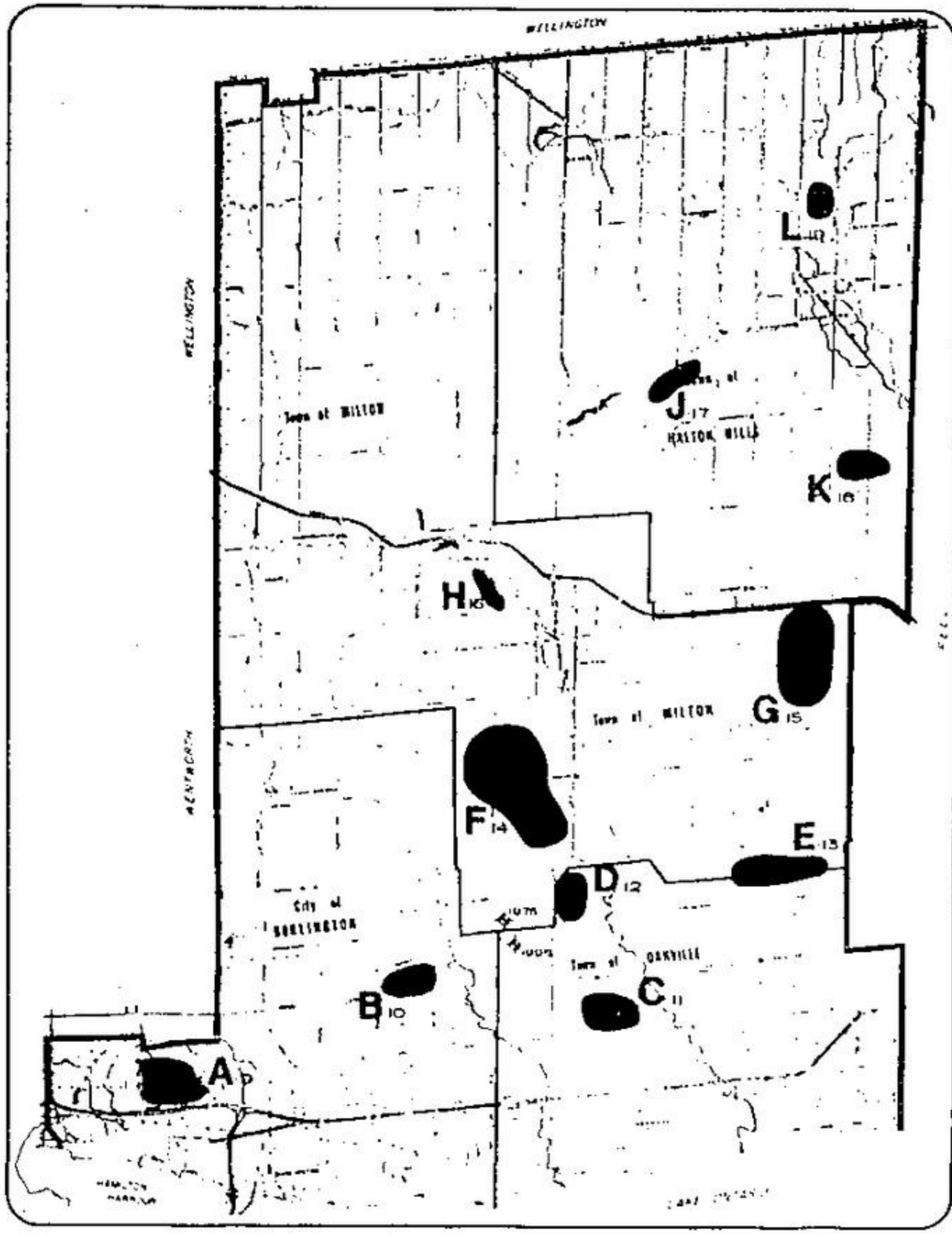
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 ■ POSSIBLE LANDFILL LOCATION  
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**THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION ON EACH OF THE 11 SITES**

- A—This site is not rated high for landfilling normal domestic refuse.
- B—The site has some potential for landfilling.
- C—Because of problems with shallow soils and a shallow aquifer, the location does not appear suitable for landfilling.
- D—The area warrants some consideration as a minor site (for use for a short period of time.)
- E—This location is not rated highly for a landfill operation.
- F—Of all the proposed locations, "F" appears as one of the best for landfill operations.
- G—The potential for a major landfill operation in this location is high.
- H—The area is only considered acceptable for dry wastes, i.e., construction debris.
- J—This area does not rate highly as a potential landfill operation.
- K—Because of hydrogeologic and topographic limitations, has many restrictions to the development of a landfill.
- L—Because of hydrogeologic constraints, size, limitations, access and distance, it is suggested this area not be developed as a major landfill.

## Councillors will have to act quickly on choosing the site for new dump

How quickly regional councillors act now upon making a decision on which of the four alternatives suggested in the M.M. Dillon "Resource Recovery Study" they favour, could be critical in whether or not Halton has a place to put its garbage by 1978.

The region's public works director, Jack Corbett, noted in a press conference following the release of the interim "Resource Recovery Study" last week that the Umstead M.M. Dillon and the regional staff are working under increasing pressure to make a decision by late 1977.

from that area will likely be hauled to Georgetown's dump. Already Milton and Acton are sending their refuse to the Georgetown landfill site.

With the added load, the Georgetown operation is expected to reach capacity by July of this year. At that point all garbage from the north will have to be taken to Burlington, unless an alternative site, already in existence is discovered.

Burlington's site, was estimated to have another four years' life at current capacity, however the requirement to use the Burlington site for all regional garbage will shorten its life considerably.

The Dillon report, in fact, estimated that "the Burlington landfill will reach capacity by late 1977."

In the meantime Mr. Corbett noted a large amount of work remains to be done on the finalizing, acceptance and then the preparation of the region's new landfill site.

The final report from Dillon, including their recommendations on a resource recovery plant for Halton, is expected to be ready for council's perusal by March.

Once council has made a decision on the steps Halton should take in handling its garbage, then will come the negotiations for the acquisition of the land for the site.

Design of the proposed landfill site and preparation of a report on proposed operational methods would follow, all of which is necessary for an application to the province for a Certificate of Approval.

## Town to carry out own study of 500 kV line

That independent study of the effects of the 500kV Bradley-to-Georgetown Hydro line may be supplied in part, thanks to the town of Halton Hills.

Acting upon a request from the Concerned Citizens group who have been leading the opposition to the hydro line's construction the town's planning board has directed Mayor Tom Hill to appoint a select committee to investigate the effects the Hydro line will have upon Halton Hills.

It's expected the town's planning staff will be instrumental in providing input into the study.

located in the heart of Acton last Friday morning. From left to right are Edith Kamminga, Riek Druff and Tina Kamminga.



**VALENTINE GOODIES.** The Christian Reform Ladies Society of Acton held a fund-raising bake sale in Robertson's Flower Shop

## Brian Herner, Calgon Man of the Year

Brian P. Herner, sales manager for Calgon Canada, has been named 1975 Man of the Year by Calgon Corporation's Water Management Division for outstanding service in marketing water and wastewater treatment products.

Herner received a plaque, a blazer, and a \$500 award at a special awards dinner held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in honor of five company awardees and their wives.

Herner joined Calgon in 1968 as a field sales representative and was named sales manager for the firm's Ontario office in 1972. Earlier, he was employed by the Water and Well Management Branch of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

Herner received his B.S. in chemistry, mathematics and physics from the University of Manitoba. He is a member of the Pollution Control Association of Ontario, the



**Brian P. Herner**

## A Touch of Stitchery

The topic for the Georgetown 4-H Club is "A Touch of Stitchery." The Georgetown East group held their first meeting on February 9. The group consists of eight enthusiastic members and two leaders who are very involved in the club. Mothers were invited to the first meeting.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. The members decided on the name "8 Knotty Stitches" as a club name. We discussed colour scheme and the colour wheel, various types of fabrics were also exhibited to show the girls the different types of fabric which they may use for their articles. It was a friendly and enjoyable evening.

Anna Lee Edwards Press Reporter.

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