

# Eight out of 10 oppose garbage study

The region's technical co-ordinating committee investigating the possible locations of Halton's new garbage dump weren't very pleased with the presentations they heard Wednesday night during a public meeting in Burlington on their interim resource recovery study.

Committee chairman Jack Rafitis interrupted the first spokesman, George Kee of the Hornby Anti-Dump Association, twice to ask that he "be more positive" in his remarks on the study.

The committee, Mr. Rafitis said, were there to hear positive criticism of the report's findings.

But if the committee and their consultants, M.M. Dillon Ltd., were hoping to hear positive suggestions about where the dump should go, they had to have left Lord Nelson High School four hours later slightly upset.

Ten speakers addressed the committee and of that number eight argued about where the dump should not go.

The lone exceptions were the presentations made by the Central Esqueping Ratepayers Association and the Halton Federation of Agriculture both of which agreed that the present landfill site in Burlington would be the best choice for future development as a regional site, a choice which Councillor Rafitis later explained, was impossible.

George Redfern, chairman of the Central Esqueping association which was in-

strumental in fighting the 1974 McLaren Report that suggested that the regional dump be located in Ashgrove, spoke once again on behalf of the Ashgrove area residents.

He stated that he felt that the M.M. Dillon report was a good, comprehensive study. Its conclusion that the Ashgrove site was a poor location for a landfill operation was an "accurate and fair" opinion, he said.

The sites, however, which the M.M. Dillon consultants concluded were prime locations for a major landfill site—one near Hornby and the other in southwest Milton—were both rated as prime agricultural land, Mr. Redfern continued, and thus should be protected. "Hands off all land that is rated for agricultural use,"

The Central Esqueping Ratepayers, Mr. Redfern said, "truly believe that site A (in Burlington) is the number one choice." It is close to the largest producers of garbage in the region, Burlington and Oakville, and when it is finally phased out could be turned into a park, he stated.

In a short presentation Fred Nurse, representing the Halton Federation of Agriculture's land use committee, stated that the federation remains "strongly opposed to landfill sites on any prime agricultural land." Those lands, he said, must be preserved for future generations.

The supposition that landfill sites can eventually be rehabilitated to support a farming operation is untrue, he said. Parkland would be possible, but not farmland.

The HFA told the technical co-ordinating committee that they felt that a combined operation of sites in Burlington and at the Milton Brick quarry was the association's first proposed alternative. Both locations were on very poor soils.

Their second alternative was a combined operation in the Milton quarry and one site south of Highway 5 and east of Highway 25. Although that site consists of 450 acres of prime agricultural land, Mr. Nurse pointed out that, because of strong growth in the area south of Highway 5, "we feel it will be lost for agricultural use sometime in the future."

Two petitions were presented to the technical co-ordinating committee during the meeting. One carried the names of 310 residents living within four miles of the proposed site "G", just south of Hornby on the east side of Trafalgar Road.

George Kee, representing the Hornby Anti-Dump Association, pointed out that the petition represented a "100 percent objection" by the area's residents to having the region's dump located in their area.

Site "G" was listed as one of the four preferred alternatives by the consultants. The location consists of approximately 1,300 acres, 80

percent of which is rated as Class 1 agricultural land.

Mr. Kee said that the Hornby site is too distant from the prime creator of garbage in Halton, the city of Burlington. "I would have been quite surprised if the good people of Burlington had said, 'Leave this garbage with us.' They've in fact said, 'Take it as far from us as possible.'"

"Each man is responsible for his garbage," Mr. Kee said, "not the people 20 miles away."

"It is very much out of order to assume that there is not going to be any protest. The people of the Hornby area are not prepared to accept being the garbage dump for the region."

The area near Hornby is crossed by a number of underground streams, Mr. Kee continued. A flash flood could be critical, he said.

"Are we blissfully perpetrating another massive bureaucratic blunder?"

The roads in the area would have to be improved to handle the added traffic of large trucks, Mr. Kee also commented.

The most vocal opponents to the study's recommendations

were members of the newly formed Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group. Well over 500 Halton residents on hand for the meeting indicated that they were members of the group. Carrying signs and wearing buttons that simply said "F" the members responded loudly to the promise by their spokesman, Peter McWilliams, that "They'll oppose it every step of the way. You can be sure of that."

The study recommends that an alternative site be located in the Tremaine and Britannia Roads area.

"They are opposed to having the region dump their garbage in their area," Mr. McWilliams, a Milton lawyer, said. Although the study only calls for a 480-acre site Mr. McWilliams pointed out that some 2,500 acres were shown as being available and suitable. "We can't help but feel that you have your eyes set on using the whole 2,500 acres in 25 years or so," he predicted.

"It's really a scandal to think that this region depends so greatly on a system to dispose of its garbage that is so wasteful of its own prime agricultural land."

Each area of Halton, he said, should handle its own garbage disposal. "The north area should look after their problems and the south should look after theirs."

The cost of trucking Burlington's and Oakville's garbage to the Tremaine-Britannia site "are becoming increasingly prohibitive."

Mr. McWilliams mentioned, as did several others, that two

of the sites proposed by the Dillon consultants were located near by or actually in the provincial parkway belt, which is zoned for non-development purposes.

John Mitchell of Georgetown Pollution Probe presented a brief which was critical of the lack of information on which the selection of the site was based.

"Site G (the Hornby site) has grave hydrogeologic shortcomings with high possibilities of sand lenses and is thought to contain a buried valley. Neither site F (the Tremaine-Britannia site) or G have been the subject of core drillings."

Mr. Mitchell questioned what measures the committee was taking to consider the entire waste disposal problem in Halton.

"We are concerned, to put it bluntly, that if a large, low cost, long term landfill site is established, the region will not be motivated to consider the alternatives, the ones which, at present, are considered outside the committee's terms of reference."

"When do you intend to widen your terms of reference to include the true alternatives," Mr. Mitchell asked.

"The Dillon people have not profited by McLaren's mistakes," concluded Bill Johnson in his presentation on behalf of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association.

"We have to have a site for landfilling but let's make it a five-year site."

Mr. Johnson, after criticizing the short time he had been given by the co-ordinating committee to prepare and then present his comments on the Dillon report, commented that the committee had set wrong priorities when it began its studies.

"We feel that the advisory committee's priority should have been contacting industry and homeowners with the object of cutting down and separating the reclaimable from the non-reclaimables."

"As for the actual sites themselves, there would have been more public acceptance for short term landfilling of five years. This would provide enough time to explore the possibilities of resource recovery and energy

generation from solid waste after reclamation.

"If necessary, an application for an extension could be applied for in the event that the economy did not pick up and the resource recovery plants were not built. This would also spur on our efforts towards reduction, recycling and reclamation."

"It is the opinion of NARA executives that the Dillon people have the cart before the horse. Resource recovery and waste reduction should have had priority over landfilling."

For almost every site proposed by the Dillon people, with the exception of the three in Halton Hills—the Georgetown dump, the Ashgrove site and a proposed site in southeast Halton Hills—a group was on hand to present

Bill Dunlop spoke on behalf of Appleby Line and Walker's Line residents in Burlington who are opposed to the location of a site between those two roads. "They're dead serious," he warned the committee. "They're definitely opposed."

Malcolm Ashley represented residents on Orchard Road in Burlington. "We're burying garbage that we shouldn't be burying," he said. "Sixty percent of our garbage can be re-used." He explained that through steam treatment a great deal of household garbage can be used as food for livestock. Wood as well should be saved.

Only one resident spoke in support of the study. David Trueman, spokesman for the East Area Residents Association, created a mild furor when he criticized the opponents of the study.

The region has already spent \$100,000 on the Dillon report, he said. "If you want to throw that money down the drain, go right ahead. I certainly can't afford it."

"It's total foolishness for us to continue to challenge reports by experts that we've bought and paid for. There's a lot of money spent on these experts reports which we should support... Let's accept the study. Time's a-wastin'."

"The co-ordinating committee will consider the points brought forward this evening," concluded Councillor Rafitis, "before we make any firm recommendations to the regional council."

agreements against its selection.

Milton Councillor Don Gordon represented the Ninth Line Ratepayers Association who felt that a bylaw should be considered limiting individual homeowners' garbage output per week to one bag.

## '...another blunder'

this garbage with us. They've in fact said, 'Take it as far from us as possible.'

## 'important information missing'

"No reference is made in the study to the number of water well records which actually pertain to those areas. Your survey of 600 well records could cover completely irrelevant areas for the all the public knows. There's nothing in the report that says where your data was collected."

## 'One bag per week limit'

agreements against its selection.

## Wicked Willy storms from meeting

The tone of Wednesday's over three hours to the public meeting into the dialogue that was taking place proposed sites for the Halton finally hopped up during the garbage dump upset one group's spokesman so loudly commented, "I'm seriously he finally walked out. Bill Johnson, chairman of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association, after listening for

## Probe views 10 years of pollution

Members of Pollution Probe in Georgetown watched a slide presentation on the quality of Ontario's water - past, present and future-at their meeting Thursday evening at GDHS.

spraying of DDT to control the black fly population on the Abitibi River. Johnson said that 3,000 gallons of the insecticide were sprayed on the river each year with no evidence that any relief from

black flies was gained. He mentioned that a black fly control program near the Abitibi River had controlled the flies since 1949 by using only two gallons of pesticide a year.

The technique involved getting to the stream "easier said than done." Johnson pointed out that finding the black fly larvae at the right life stage. An insecticide which broke down much more

quickly than DDT was used by dribbling the solution of insecticide into the water, the black fly population for a quarter of a mile downstream was effectively controlled, Johnson said.

UP TO

# 50% OFF

Manufacturers Suggested Retail

We're Making Room For New Merchandise

## ALL THE OLD MUST GO

### Look For The SPECIAL PRICE TAGS

VILAS 1/2 PRICE		DINING ROOM SUITES	
ODDS & ENDS	SALE		SALE
TEA WAGON	207.25	7 Pc. KROEHLER	899.00
BUFFET	137.25	7 Pc. ZEST PINE	599.00
BUFFET TOP	111.25	7 Pc. HEPWORTH	699.00
BUFFET TOP	124.50	7 Pc. HEPWORTH	599.00
BUFFET TOP	87.25	<b>DINETTES</b>	
DINING TABLE	215.00	5 Pc. LIBERTY	299.00
DINING TABLE	145.50	5 Pc. LIBERTY	259.95
TV STAND	71.25	5 Pc. LIBERTY	234.50
<b>KROEHLER LIVING ROOM SUITES</b>		7 Pc. LIBERTY	174.95
2Pc. TRADITIONAL	419.95	<b>BEDROOM SUITES</b>	
2 Pc. MODERN	354.95	3 Pc. H.P.L. PINE	499.00
2 Pc. PUB STYLE	504.95	3 Pc. KROEHLER PECAN	599.00
2 Pc. CAPE COD	469.95	5 Pc. TOUSSANT PINE	599.00
<b>25% OFF ALL KROEHLER CAPE COD</b>		NIGHT TABLES	49.98
Suggested Retail		<b>CARPET SPECIAL</b>	
<b>DINING ROOM and BEDROOM FURNITURE</b>		FREE OMALON 1 UNDERCUSHION WITH EVERY WALL TO WALL CARPET PURCHASE	

**FREE DELIVERY**

**robert Gougeon**  
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHING  
95 MAIN ST. SOUTH  
DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN 877-2522

**FINANCE TERMS AVAILABLE**

'Y' helps you to think of spring

A day out to visit the annual Spring Flower and Garden Show is being sponsored by the Georgetown and District YMCA-YWCA. The bus will leave the 'Y' Thursday, March 11 bright and early at 8 a.m. and will return to Georgetown at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Those who wish to visit the flower show held at the C.N.E. grounds in Toronto are asked to register at the 'Y' by March 8, by contacting the 'Y' at 877-6163.

Roulez votre manche pour sauver une vie...  
DONNEZ DE VOTRE SANG

**CLINIQUE DE DONNEURS DE SANG**  
LUNDI, le 8 mars  
1:30 - 8:45 p.m.  
AUDITORIUM DE L'EGLISE HOLY CROSS  
Avenue Maple E.

Besoin urgent de donneurs  
Age 18-65. Jeu d'homme de 17 ans, avec l'autorisation écrite des parents pour chaque donation.

Téléphonez à Mm. L. Macdonald, 877-2854.

**Lean Minced Chuck 79¢ lb.**

**GROUND BEEF 59¢ lb.**

— FREEZER ORDERS —

**A-1 BEEF HINDS \$1.03 lb.**

MAPLE LEAF **PARAFFIN 69¢ lb.**

**BOLOGNA SLICED 79¢ lb.**

SCHNEIDER'S BULK SKINLESS **WIENERS 79¢ lb.**

**THE BOAR'S HEAD**

**BUTCHER SHOPS**

DOWNTOWN STORE  
877-1311

MOORE PARK PLAZA  
877-1811

**SNOWBOUND SPECIALS**

**LAST CHANCE**

**To Stock Up For The Summer**

★★★★  
**FRESH FISH AVAILABLE THIS WEEK**  
— COD FILLETS —