

Acton CofC meeting

Waste plant will cost millions

The advantages and disadvantages of landfill sites and resource recovery plants was discussed by members of the Acton Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday night.

Jack Corbett, chairman of the Solid Waste Management Study for Halton Region, told about 30 members of the

chamber that garbage in the region will go from about 270,000 tons per year now to 470,000 tons in 1997.

To cope with this volume of garbage, the region has instituted a two-part study funded by the Ontario government. Part one of the study, on sanitary landfill sites had an interim report on possible sites released in February; part two of the study, dealing with resource recovery plants, is "just nicely started," Mr. Corbett said.

What is being examined in the way of resource recovery or energy producing plants operated on garbage is a six-year-old steam producing plant, Swance, in Hamilton and an experimental resource recovery plant in Downsview which recycles ferrous metals, paper, fiber, etc. and produces by-products used in insulation, animal bedding and "fuel fraction," a supplement to fuels, Mr. Corbett said.

"You can't rely on any one thing all by itself for resource recycling," Mr. Corbett said. "You've got to put some of it (garbage) in the ground."

Jack Raffis, chairman of the public works department of the region, told the Acton Chamber that the cost of a

recycling plant will be "not hundreds of thousands, but millions of dollars."

He said the purchase of land and site development for a resource recovery plant would be in the order of \$3 million and that the plant itself, with a capability of 500 to 900 tons per day of garbage, will cost between "seven to twelve million dollars."

Bill Johnson, a well-known environmentalist and president of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association, showed the audience a colour film titled "Just in Time."

Mr. Johnson criticized a number of landfill sites and urged that a resource recovery plant be built. He said that 33 plants were already in operation and that in Europe, energy had been extracted from garbage since 1912.

Mr. Johnson said that if the region get a landfill site for a twenty year period, instead of the five he felt it needed until a recovery plant could be built, a plant would not be constructed.

An energy producing plant or plants located on the borders of Halton Peel and Halton Wentworth could be "used as a carrot to attract industry with cheap energy," he said.



FOR HIS OUTSTANDING contribution to minor sports in Acton John Toebes (left) was presented with the Charles Thompson Memorial Award by Ed Wood, chairman of the Ward 1 and 2 recreation advisory committee, Saturday during the minor hockey association's final day of action.

L'Arche requires help in Flowers of Hope

The members of L'Arche Auxiliary for the mentally retarded were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Pat Jackson, at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 23 at the home of Mrs. Conroy. Tickets are still available for the spring dance to be held on Saturday, April 3, at the Band Hall on Wallace Street. They may be obtained by calling 853-3663.

The Flowers of Hope campaign will begin in the second week of May. The number to call if you can assist is 853-2063.

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SETTING UP in preparation for their rummage sale Saturday were members of the 1st Acton Venturers (from left) Mike Payne, Jim Saxon and Dave Berry. The sale was held in the Acton Scout hall and featured many bargains for the wise shopper. Proceeds of the sale will go to the various projects the Venturers carry out.

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Get-together for Acton's older citizens

A man who lived in Acton only nine years and left in 1915 is trying to raise a get-together of people who knew Acton 50 years ago and earlier.

Charles Caswell, a pensioner living in an apartment in Toronto, came to Acton from Bath, England in 1906 with his mother, brothers and sisters to join their father who had come two years earlier.

While his father was serving overseas in World War 1, his mother took all nine children to Toronto where there were more jobs available for the support of the family, Mr. Caswell recalled in a telephone interview last week.

Although he visits Acton about twice a year and can name many of his friends, Mr. Caswell hasn't made the town his home since that day his mother took the children to Toronto.

Nevertheless, on a recent trip someone said: "Geez, it would be nice to see a bunch of old cronies," Mr. Caswell said. "I said, would it ever."

people who lived the first quarter in Acton.

So far, Mr. Caswell, who lives on a pension, has been spending his own money to try and get in touch with people for a get-together in late May. Response to date has been "not so good," he said, adding that a lot of people are away in Florida for the winter.

"If we get 50 people, we go ahead," Mr. Caswell said. He thinks he can get about 100 people, he said.

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