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MPP urges positive stand on waste

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed says Halton region must proceed on a positive path toward solid waste disposal and "get rid of negative, reactionary and badly informed thinking that governed last week's regional meeting" on landfill.

"Some very salient points were revealed which have led, or missed, depending on how you feel about resource recovery," he says.

Garbage is a national resource and must be looked at by all levels of government from that point of view, Mr. Reed said in reaction to the morning-long review of Halton's efforts toward dealing with the pressing problem of how to dispose of waste.

There is no regional staff with the expertise to investigate resource recovery and it was admitted at the meeting that no research has been done into this alternative, he says.

"Such admissions only serve to illustrate the confined

framework in which regional councillors are forced to operate," Mr. Reed said.

"For instance, it was suggested by Wes Williamson of the ministry of environment that a back end system, that is a system which incinerates garbage and generates electricity or makes some energy form, would cost in the neighbourhood of \$20 to \$30 million."

Mr. Reed also condemned a statement that "there is no such thing as 100 per cent recovery" in such operations.

"Let us make it clear that there is nothing which cannot be reprocessed including rubble from building demolition."

He sees support for a resource recovery system as "one of the ways regional government could be seen to work."

"The choice of a consolidated dump does nothing to boost support for the regional con-

cept," he said, noting that he is proposing a meeting with recently-appointed Environment Minister George McCaig. He hopes the new minister will "assume a role of active leadership in this issue."

Mr. Reed said, it was also stated that incineration processes can only take about 50 per cent of the garbage, but what was left out is that much of the remainder is saleable as recovered material.

"Costs were the only items discussed and there was no real effort made to project revenues from saleable end products," he said.

"In fact, a 400 ton per day plant in Halton would produce about 10 megawatts of electric power on a continuous basis, plus another 10 megawatts of waste heat potential for district heating."

Dollar value in 1977 of 10 megawatts wholesale to Ontario Hydro would be roughly 1.1 million dollars based on their prices offered for privately produced hydroelectric power, he said. Hydro has publicly stated

that it will buy power from any source.

Projections for energy costs would indicate that the average revenue which could be expected from such a plant coming on stream probably in 1980 would be in \$2 to \$2.5 million per year, not counting any revenue generated through the sale of waste heat, he says.

The problem of time deadlines in the construction of resource recovery hardware is a very real one for Halton region, he says.

"By source separation, the life of existing landfill sites could be extended sufficiently to allow for the realization of such a commitment."

It is "disappointingly obvious" that the provincial government which has expensively touted the 100 per cent capital costs and 50 per cent pay back has limited that kind of financial assistance to demonstration projects only.

It is essential that the province extend these commitments on the broadest possible

base and support whatever technology choices or financial arrangements can be best made by each region of municipality, Mr. Reed said.

"Steam generating garbage burners have been operating successfully throughout Europe and parts of North America for over 30 years," he says "and while admittedly improvements can be made the hardware is very well established."

Private enterprise "obviously" has not had the opportunity to have a real input in presenting its case to the region. It is absolutely essential that all areas of alternatives be scrutinized.

He believes that in most cases private industry can function more effectively than government.

The \$15 million investment in front end technology by the ministry of the environment is largely a duplication of work which has been completed in the United States. It appears cumbersome and costly compared to some of the private enterprise alternatives.

Garbage crisis review shows time gap

There is a gap of three to four months between when the last regional landfill site in Halton takes its last garbage and when the controversial Site F in Milton comes on stream, regional council learned Wednesday at a special meeting on landfill and resource recovery.

According to a timetable presented at the meeting, Site F, which covers about 248 acres near Tremaine and Britannia Roads, won't go into operation until January or February, 1980, whereas the last landfill site will close October, 1979, in Oakville, after Halton Hills in July, 1979, and Burlington in September, 1978.

Robert Moore, director of public works, said a contingency plan hasn't been developed but the ministry of environment is working closely with the region to get the most out of the sites.

"Either we can stretch the sites or speed up the process so they can mesh," he said. Site F may be pressed into use when only partly constructed.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow announced at the start of the meeting that a Maple site in Burlington will have studies done to find out how much it will cost to transport landfill there from points in the region.

"I have found no one in a responsible position in elected government or on staff," Mr. Moore said, "who will say a resource recovery plant will take 100 per cent of the solid waste flow. Some form of

landfill will be retained. It cannot be eliminated in total."

He said that all estimates of time on resource recovery plants are "too short," and all estimates of costs "are too low. As we proceed, the costs will be considerably higher."

Resource recovery is currently in a stage of research and development, Mr. Moore said. There are refuse derived fuel (RDF) plants, which the province is developing, and steam generation, "which is a refinement of incineration," and needs more refinement.

Ed Cumming, director of planning, said Halton's official plan, which is currently before the public, sets the broad guidelines for growth and "these will provide the bases of future demands for waste collection, processing and disposal."

The specific policies regarding solid waste, if adopted, commits Halton to look for better ways to reduce and to treat waste, use resource recovery where feasible, support conservation of materials and resources for markets, seek diminishing reliance on landfill disposal and increased reliance on recovery and establish fill sites only after ample study of their impacts, he said.

The region should be identifying second and third landfill sites for use after the six year limit on Site F runs out as well as a location for a transfer site, Mr. Cumming said.

The after use of landfill sites are either a return to the municipality for use as a re-

creation area such as ski hills or golf courses, Mr. Cumming said.

"But recreational uses are not necessarily the best recommended uses in farming areas and unless the municipality has decided otherwise, we don't necessarily have to choose recreation use," he said.

In fact, agricultural after use is recommended, Mr. Cumming said and the subject is currently under study by the University of Guelph and the ministry of agriculture.

Wally Wells, project manager of M. M. Dillon Ltd., Consulting Engineers, said just 135 acres of the total 248 at Site F will be used for landfill.

Of the balance, a woodlot will be retained in its natural state except for construction of a road on its eastern boundary; the open area adjacent to the intersection of Tremaine and Britannia will also be in its natural state and the remaining areas taken up by sloped buffer areas with a slope of five-to-one and ten-to-one, he said.

Regional solicitor Dennis Perlin outlined for council the legal processes involved in acquiring Site F and also a site for a resource recovery plant.

Application to the ministry of environment for a landfill site will take place in February with about 14 steps until the site goes into operation January or February, 1980, he said.

For a resource recovery plant which would go into operation in April, 1982, there

are about 11 steps required. If council decides to invite proposals for a resource recovery plant from private industry, eleven steps would be required to put the plant in operation by August, 1982.

Wes Williamson, director of resource recovery with the ministry of environment, reviewed the various approaches, the different kinds of plants, the capital costs, the funding and the possible markets for products plants can supply. Costs of density separation plant wherein solid waste is shredded to uniformity would cost Halton between \$30 to \$50 million, he said. Its capacity will be about 350 tons per year with a transfer station.

Regional chairman Ric Morrow predicted Halton will be facing "important and costly decisions in this field. . . . The whole related issue of landfill and resource recovery is not simple."

Community centre officers elected

By ELLIE DYRDEN Herald correspondent

Here's hoping that winning a hundred thousand dollars or watching a hockey game is not more important than supporting your community, but Feb. 2 was the annual meeting of the Terra Cotta Community Hall and there was a very poor turnout. I must admit the folks that were in attendance had a lot of laughs and fun.

Special thanks was given to Thursday Thinkers and The Villagers for their monetary donations and support. In case anyone thinks there hasn't been much done to the hall, take a look at this impressive list. The hall has been completely painted outside, new

insulation put in by Patterson of Terra Cotta, new sign and post made and installed at the road. Hot water tank in, outside re-gravelled. The men on the committee did a terrific job erecting not only a barricade around the outside well, (for the ladies on the committee who keep bumping it) but ventilation louvers were put into the roof, bulletin board up in hall, replaced new cupboard doors where needed.

The main saggng floor (from the good dances) has been jacked up and re-supported almost to the point of being a new floor. Linoleum was purchased by the Thursday Thinkers and installed in the kitchen working area. Everyone got together to house clean inside and out.

As was discussed in the business part of the meeting, it was pointed out that the hall is certainly being used extensively when a few years ago it sat lonely without activity. The hall is used for Sunday School, regular and special meetings of community groups, Guides and Brownies, private rentals, extra-curricular activities such as, exercise and ceramics, macramé groups, etc. Bazaars, rummage sales, dinners and cards are also included.

The Executive Committee for 1978-79 will be as follows: Art Van Zuben, Ted Von Zuben, Fred Chalmers, Irwin

Countryman, Ellie Dyrden remaining. Welcome to Marilyn Edwards and Gord Warn, our new E.C. members. Bruce and Nancy Underhay (bless them) remain as treasurer and secretary.

Which reminds me, final business, the financial statement is in the black and all outstanding bills paid up to date. The next meeting for the E.C. will be the first Wednesday of March, 8:30 p.m.

Perhaps now you can understand the concern for all belonging or partaking to be an active supporter of your Community Hall.

The Thursday Thinkers wish to remind everyone of their "Ham Taters and Euchre" afternoon, Feb. 13th at 12:30. Cost is \$2.75 per person by reservation only. Please call 877-3117, 877-0470, 877-3167.

Spreading good cheer and fun (during this low period of winter) there are still tickets available from the Terra Cotta General Store for the Villagers annual Valentine Dance, Feb. 18th, 8:30 p.m. at the Credit View Public School. \$15.00 per couple. D.J. is Dave Smallwood and a TERRIFIC door prize besides good prizes for spot dances. If you have never attended one of these Valentine dances, I'm not going to tell you about the good time you'll be missing.

Just a P.S. to "Andre" of Terra Cotta Roundabout who is still in Spain and will be there a while longer, come on home and enjoy the miseries of winter like the rest of us. Just think, if it wasn't for the change of season we would have nothing to talk about. "Have fun Andre." Notice how my heart and soul is in that statement.

Region approves \$100,000 for Burlington hospital

By a 13-7 vote, Halton regional councillors have approved a \$100,000 grant to Joseph Brant Memorial hospital in Burlington to pay for a design fault which will cost \$400,000 to fix.

The fault is in the south and east wings of the hospital where the floor has settled, Coun. Walter Mulkeewich, chairman of the community and social services committee said Wednesday.

It was traced back to the architect who originally designed the building but who no longer is in business, Mr. Mulkeewich said.

Another architect who has assumed the business has also assumed the responsibility and will be paying \$100,000 towards the cost of the project, he said.

The provincial ministry of health has approved the project and will be contributing \$200,000 towards the project, he said. The renovation requires 240 piles through the floor,

but expansions are planned at hospitals in Oakville and Georgetown.

Oakville Coun. Ron Planche suggested that the province should pay two-thirds of \$400,000 a move which would make the regional share \$133,000 of which \$100,000 could be recovered from the architect, but he failed to convince a majority of council. Mayor Harry Barrett quipped, "And you'll pay \$200,000 in court fees."

Voting in favor of the expenditure were councillors Vern Connell, Mayor Barrett, Garnet (Pat) McKenzie, Mayor Don Gordon, Pat McLaughlin, Ben Ciprietti, Jim Kerr, Walter Mulkeewich, Jack Rafus, Ed Carter, Tom Sutherland, Roy Booth and James Watson. Opposed were: Maureen Anderson, Russ Miller, David Coons, Mayor Tom Hill, Carl Eriksen, Mike Armstrong and Ron Planche.

Oakville Coun. Carl Eriksen said that ratepayers in Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills will be forced to pick up the tab for this past mistake but Coun. Mulkeewich replied that the "work still has to be done."

The Burlington hospital has no major expansion planned for the next five to seven years, Coun. Mulkeewich said

which would be impossible. The process takes at least a year from the time it starts. "A similar hearing in Owen Sound took three days and the decision a year, he said. But before any of that begins, the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group will be taking the region to court March 10 to force Halton to go before Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) first, Mr. Eriksen said.

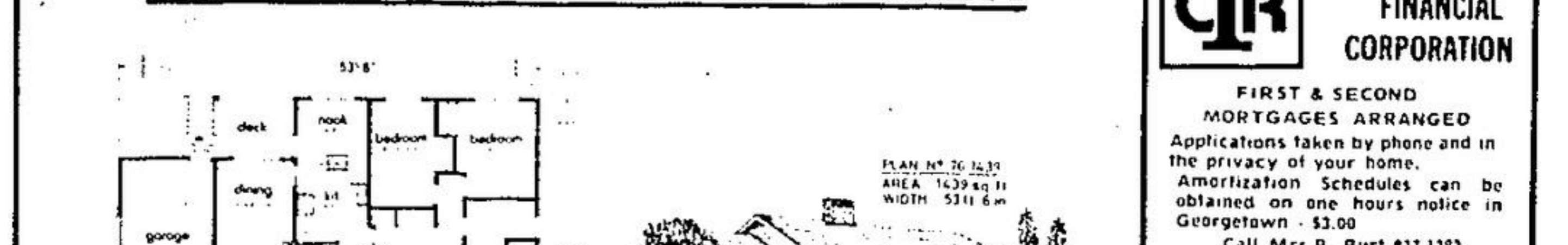
Although he indicated confidence in the eventual outcome of the court case "even if we lose in court and start with Environmental Assessment Board, you can't go to hearings at once," he said.

If successful in court in bringing the landfill issue before OMB the case will be argued on the issues of proper planning, economics of the site and the site selection process, Mr. Eriksen said.

As well, the regional planners have estimated two weeks of hearings, Mr. Eriksen said.

"The Environmental Assessment Board couldn't schedule two weeks solid,

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A three-piece ensuite bath with shower, a spacious walk-in closet add a sense of luxury to the master bedroom. The secondary bedrooms have the use of a full bath and there is plenty of extra storage space in the hall cupboards.

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