

# OMB okays controversial Milton dump

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has authorized Halton regional council to proceed with its plans to establish a 246-acre landfill site in rural Milton.

In a written decision circulated among affected parties Monday, OMB chairman Walter Shrivess recounted testimony and arguments submitted during a hearing which ended March 28 after nearly three months.

The ruling will enable the region to obtain official plan and zoning bylaw amendments for the massive landfill site from the town of Milton, which had strenuously opposed the project along with the Tremaine-Britannica Citizens Group.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon and the region's chief solicitor, Dennis Perlin,

were in agreement this week, however, sharing the belief that a great deal of administrative work must be done before the landfill site can be opened at the intersection of Tremaine and Britannia Roads south of urban Milton.

## LONG WAY

"We've got a long way to go yet," Mayor Gordon told The Herald Monday. "I doubt the town will give up the fight now. It's up to council to decide, but I think it would be stupid to give up now."

The mayor estimated that the battle between Milton and the region may continue to rage for another two years before the landfill site finally gets the nod.

Mr. Perlin made no specific predictions, but admitted that the OMB's ruling, which "cost" the region nearly \$450,000 in

hearing expenses and legal fees, represents only the first in a series of approvals needed for the project. The region must now apply to the provincial ministry of environment, he said, which will probably order an Environmental Assessment Board Hearing that could last as long as the OMB inquiry.

Joining lawyers for the region and town at the three-month OMB confrontation held at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton was David Estrin, the solicitor for the Tremaine-Britannica Citizens Group, which has represented the interests of some 450 concerned residents since plans for the landfill site were finalized three years ago.

"We're disappointed, naturally, with the OMB decision," Freda McFadden

commented on behalf of her husband, Citizens Group chairman Stuart McFadden. "We intend to co-operate with Milton on its appeal, which will likely go ahead, but we're not sure yet whether we'll launch our own appeal."

"We're still very much alive."

**ACTIVITIES PLANNED**  
Mrs. McFadden reported that the Group has already planned several activities for coming weeks, including a booth at the CNE, aimed at raising funds and support from among members of the general public. A strawberry social is scheduled for this weekend at Milton's Hopedale Mall.

Mayor Gordon said he had received a copy of the OMB decision in his mail Monday morning and commented that he

was not surprised because he had attended hearing sessions.

The mayor was angered by Mr. Shrivess' across-the-boards criticism of witnesses presented by Milton's and the citizens' lawyers. Although complimented openly by the board chairman during the hearing, he noted, the witnesses were criticized in the decision for their incompetence and unreliability.

"(Mr. Shrivess) just shoots down everything they said," Mayor Gordon complained. "If the region had told him they'd seen the sun rise in the west in the morning, Shrivess would have believed them."

Noting that there are still concerns related to the landfill site proposal to be resolved, including the effects of en-

croachment onto Halton Region Conservation Authority lands, Mr. Perlin conceded that "it will take quite a long time yet" before the Milton site can be developed.

Meanwhile, he pointed out, the region is about to close its landfill site in Georgetown, which has reached full capacity, and is preparing to expand sites in Oakville and Burlington to accommodate additional waste from across Halton. The expansions are considered interim measures proposed because of delays in obtaining permission to proceed with the Milton site.

The selection of the rural Milton location, known as Site "F", culminated nearly five years of planning by region

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## Eleven years as mayor

# Actonians mourn ex-mayor's death



**CLARK NAMED TOP ATHLETE**

Ian Clark, centre, was named the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year at a banquet Monday night. The runners-up were figure skaters Kevin Parker, left, and Kris Barber, right. For more details see Sports Week.

(Herald photo by Tony Panacci)

Halton Hills lost one of its best-known and best-loved politicians Saturday with the death of former Acton mayor Les Duby.

Mr. Duby died Saturday at Guelph General Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Duby had a long record of service to the community, and was an active member of St. Alban's Anglican Church and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197.

Born in Guelph, Mr. Duby attended public school there, and attended high school at

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Rockwood Continuation School. He moved to Acton when he was 20, following his marriage to Alice Anne Taylor.

Mr. Duby served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 3 1/2 years, in Canada and overseas, during World War II. He was an active Legion member for 30 years, and was past president of Acton Legion Branch 197.

**BEARDMORE EMPLOYEE**  
He was an employee at Beardmore Tannery since he first moved to Acton. His most recent position there was that of personnel manager.

Mr. Duby's political career began in 1959 with his election to Acton council. He served on council for 14 years, 11 of them as mayor, prior to the formation of regional government. He represented Ward 1 of Halton Hills from 1974 on until the time of his death.

Mr. Duby also served for 16 years on the Acton Hydro-Electric Commission, and was awarded a certificate in recognition of 15 years of service in 1977.

As a member of Acton council, Mr. Duby was also a member of a number of municipal associations involving representatives from municipalities across the province. He was a founding member of the Central Ontario Regional Development Association, which has since been disbanded, and was president of that association in 1969.

He was an executive member of the Ontario Association of Mayors and Reeves. In 1967, he was elected president of the Town and Village section of the Ontario Municipal Association. He was also recently

nominated for an appointment to the board of directors of the Association of Ontario Small Urban Municipalities.

Mr. Duby was an active member of the congregation of St. Alban's Anglican Church. He was a lay reader, and was named a lay reader emeritus by Right Reverend John Bothwell, the Bishop of Niagara, earlier this year. He served as church warden and as a member of the parish council.

## CHURCH CHOIR

For 30 years, Mr. Duby was a member of the church choir. Vince Mountford, a well-known local personality, who acts as master of ceremonies at many functions in this area, dubbed him "The Singing Mayor" during Acton's Centennial Year celebration and the nickname stuck in 1967. Mr. Duby appeared at many local functions during his years as mayor, performing alone on his guitar, or leading the audience in song.

Mr. Duby was the son of Winnifred Alice and the late Joseph Duby. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and his children, the Rev. Lawrence Gene Duby of Waterdown, Lesley Anne Paterson of Thessalon and also by his wards, Barbara Anne Fink of Eden Mills, George Albert Ware of Ired Deer and James Robert Ware of Acton. Mr. Duby other son, Thomas Leslie Duby has passed away.

Other surviving relatives include brothers Alfred Duby of Acton, Kenneth Duby of Guelph, and Earl Duby of Rockwood, and sisters Lucy Synott of Acton, Margaret Cox of Rockwood and Katherine Cotterill of Peterborough.

The funeral service was held yesterday in St. Alban's Church at 1:30 p.m. with interment at Fairview Cemetery in Acton following the service. Members of Legion Branch 197 held a special service for Comrade Duby Monday evening.

Mr. Duby was the son of



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## This Week

### CVCA anniversary

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Herald reporter Lori Taylor examines the Authority's accomplishments in the past, ambitions for the future and plans for its anniversary year in a special feature inside.

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### Loves ceramics

Being born into a family of cabinet makers, it was just a matter of time before Acton's Ed Howse devoted himself to crafts. Now that he's officially retired, Mr. Howse is active in ceramics and wood working.

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## Hollywood returns to town as major movie is planned

By PAUL DORSEY  
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For the third time in less than three years, Georgetown has been chosen as the site of location filming for a major American-Canadian feature movie.

Westfront Film Productions Incorporated of Scarborough is seeking the approval and co-operation of local civic officials and businessmen for a four-week production schedule which will transform selected areas of Georgetown into small-town USA for scenes from the film Never Trust An

Honest Thief. Filming is expected to begin here July 30.

An unofficial report indicates that several major American film stars are being considered for roles in the comedy-suspense movie, although Burgess Meredith (Rocky, Day of the Locust) is the only actor named thus far.

**MEET OFFICIALS**  
Westfront representatives will meet with officials of Georgetown's Business Improvement Area board of management tonight (Wednes-

day) in hopes of obtaining their endorsement for the production. To facilitate filming sequences downtown, Main Street would have to be closed to through traffic for "one or two days", according to the company's unit locations manager, Richard Flower.

"Georgetown and environs offers the ideal setting for the picture," Mr. Flower told local merchants in a recent letter. "The main street with its small and attractive business community would be perfect for the July 4 parade which opens the film. The surrounding community offers numerous unique and interesting locations which would satisfy all the requirements of the story."

The film's principle photography period of seven weeks will take the production crew from Georgetown to Toronto and possibly Las Vegas.

"Our film unit would be in and around Georgetown for approximately four weeks," Mr. Flower said. "Some of that time would be spent filming in locations in the surrounding area and some of the time on the Main Street. Our list of locations includes a bank, a hardware store, a small cafe, a tavern, a real

estate office and a graveyard. There are also houses belonging to various characters and a sheriff's office required."

The tavern sequence may well be shot at Georgetown's Station Hotel on Queen Street, where, according to an unofficial report, company officials were immediately impressed by the attractive porch at the rear of the historic building.

## INTERIOR SCENES

Downtown Georgetown, including the interior of The Herald's office, provided setting for the film Equus, starring Richard Burton, two years ago. Last fall, film and television star Michael Douglas led another American production crew onto Main and other nearby streets for sequences from Running, scheduled for release early this summer.

Mr. Flower described Never Trust An Honest Thief as a "light-hearted who-done-it with the wit of The Sting and the action of Smokey and the Bandit." The movie is set in a New York state border town during the period between 1972 and 1978, with American Independence Day festivities playing a major role in the plot throughout.

## LACAC vetoed again by one-vote margin

Plans for the formation of a municipal advisory committee which would help preserve local architecture have run aground, at least temporarily, because of concerns over its possible effects upon private property.

A recommendation to establish the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) was defeated by a one-vote margin at last Tuesday night's general committee meeting.

The matter was scheduled for reconsideration at last night's town council meeting, however, and although the results of that meeting were not known at press time, there were indications that the general committee's vote would be reversed.

The LACAC proposal suffered last week from the fact that its chief proponent on council, John McDonald, could not vote

in the matter because he was chairing the general committee. There was speculation after the meeting that Coun. McDonald's vote at last night's council meeting, along with those of councillors George Malby and Marilyn Serjeantson, who were absent last week, could turn the tide in the LACAC's favor.

Commenting that he has heard LACAC stands for "lack of action", Coun. Roy Booth contended last week that legislation governing the designation of properties as historically or architecturally significant sites will in some cases prevent property owners from making even the subtlest alterations without first obtaining municipal approval.

After ascertaining that the owner must seek council's permission to sell or modify his property once it has been officially designated, Coun.

Booth complained that "we're over-committed now."

"We'd just be plugging in another method for saying 'no' to a development proposal," he complained.

LACACs have been established in a number of Ontario municipalities, usually comprised of citizens who share an interest in preserving buildings or portions of buildings which they believe to have historical or architectural importance. As an advisory group, the LACAC must make recommendations for designations to council.

Coun. Booth conceded that it is a "laudable" undertaking to inventory local historical buildings, but again cited reports from Niagara-on-the-Lake, which indicate the LACAC has gotten out of control and has left many property owners dissatisfied over

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