



PRESTO!

Rossini the Magician gets a little help from Margaret Sales of Acton Saturday afternoon while he performed his magical feats to delight a full house in the Acton library. (Herald photo)

Appeal must conclude before Site F proceeds

Halt regional councillors may be confronted directly by opponents of the region's plans to establish a major landfill site in rural Milton, whose lawyer has charged that public funds are being spent illegally on preparations for site approval.

David Estrin, lawyer for the 400-member Tremaine-Brittania Citizens Group (TBCG) has written regional council pointing out that any efforts to proceed with the project are illegal until the courts have decided one way or another on the citizens' appeal against an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) ruling.

Citing sections of the Ontario Municipal Board Act and the Planning Act, Mr. Estrin warned the region that its application for the necessary Environmental Assessment Board hearing is illegal until the OMB's ruling is upheld or rejected by the Supreme Court.

"What should be clearly understood is that, while the (OMB) has made a decision dated June 15 in this matter, no legal order or approval has been issued," the lawyer's letter explained. "Provincial legislation forbids the OMB from doing so while the same or the validity thereof is called

in question in any pending action.

IGNORE LAW

"My clients would like you to consider that insofar as your region decides to ignore the plan provisions of the law by proceeding to forward and process your application... my client will have no option but to seriously consider bringing an application to have all funds paid out by the region on the matter of Site 'F' returned as having been made illegally.

"In that circumstance, we would be seeking to recover the illegally paid funds personally from regional council members who voted in favor of any resolutions or purported bylaws that have been or will be held to be illegal."

Mr. Estrin's request for written assurances that the region's application for an Assessment hearing will not be completed until appeals are heard, was forwarded by council to regional solicitor Dennis Perlin for comment.



TAKE-OFF

It isn't often that students are encouraged to fly paper airplanes, but that's what happened last week at Stewarttown Senior Public School. For one afternoon each semester, the students are allowed to work on a craft or study something a little out of the ordinary. In this case, the students were learning the principles of aerodynamics, trying to fly bigger and better paper airplanes farther and faster.

(Herald photo)

APPEAL REJECTED

The ongoing battle to prevent a proposed 246-acre Halt Region garbage dump being established in rural Milton, has been dealt a major setback.

Applications by the Town of Milton and the Tremaine-Brittania Citizens Group for leave to appeal an Ontario Municipal Board decision

granting approval to the project, were rejected by three judges of the Ontario Divisional Court.

Representatives of the citizens' group say they will not let the four-year-old struggle end and plan to meet with their lawyer to prepare further action.

About the Hills

Christmas seals

With thousands of former contributors already forwarded their annual supply of Christmas Seals, the Halt Lung Association is hoping to stretch its funding dollars this year by circulating a "householder" mailing to all area homes later this month. Marking the 80th anniversary of the first Christmas Seal delivery in Canada, this year's program is aimed at all Halt residents, each of whom benefits from the Lung Association's year-round efforts free of charge. The Association is supported entirely by the Christmas Seal campaign.

New planning director

Halt region's planning committee is on the verge of endorsing a candidate for the position of regional planning director, according to the committee's chairman, Coun. Roy Booth of Halt Hills. Acting chief administrative officer Bill Marshall has screened 36 applicants for the job vacated this fall by Ed Cumming after nearly six years' service to the region. Coun. Booth told council last week that his committee spent the better part of a day interviewing the six "finalists" for the job, and will be making its choice this week. The committee's selection is subject to council's approval next week.

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