

Divide and Conquer in the red?

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Participation in Halton Hills' resource recycling program, Divide and Conquer, is remaining constant, but town works department supervisor Frank Morette still anticipates a deficit by the end of the year.

"The program's not paying for itself," Mr. Morette said. However, while the town is not receiving a financial return sufficient to cover the costs of the program, it does reduce the amount of garbage going into the regional landfill site in Oakville, he added.

The Divide and Conquer program began in Georgetown in 1978 as a pilot project sponsored by the provincial government to encourage householders to separate recyclable goods such as paper, tin and glass.

JANUARY START
The town took over the program in January of this year, and extended it to include the urban area of Acton as well as Georgetown.

The participation rate for the program has remained fairly constant, Mr. Morette said, with 25 per cent of the

households in Georgetown participating and 14 per cent in Acton. These rates match a study done in Burlington in 1972 and 1973, he said.

Participation has dropped slightly over the vacation months, but that was more or less expected because the quantity of garbage as a whole drops off during that period, Mr. Morette said.

The rate of participation varies from one section of town to another. In the newer areas of the community, participation is as high as 27 per cent, Mr. Morette said, while in the

older areas, participation drops to as low as 14 per cent.

80 PER CENT
"The report by the ministry of environment when they started this program said 80 per cent of the households in Georgetown had participated in recycling activities at one time or another," Mr. Morette said. "That's a pretty good basis to start from."

"We're very pleased with the response we've gotten from the community," he added. "I think council is to be commended for their willingness to stand up and be counted on this, even though it is a deficit program."

"I don't know how you can measure the savings in terms of the landfill sites."

The market for the products has been extremely good, Mr. Morette said, although there is less money to be made with metal products. The town receives \$20 a ton for tin, \$36 a ton for paper and \$20 a ton for glass.

"If we got some compacting equipment, we could reduce the volume of the tin," Mr. Morette said. "We tried to talk the ministry of the environment into buying us some

compacting equipment for \$7,000, and they told us, 'If you want it so badly, buy it yourself.'"

"But with a deficit program, you're not going to see a lot of willingness to spend that money, even if the money were there. Garbage pick-up and resource recycling aren't visible programs that the taxpayer can see where his money goes. He can see the roads getting paved and new streetlights and sidewalks, but things like storm sewers and garbage pick-up, it goes underground."

Vacation Guide

Was Viking Leif Eiriksson Newfoundland's first tourist?

By CLAUDE R. LEMIEUX
The little settlement of L'Anse-aux-Meadows, Newfoundland, suddenly came into prominence in the 1970s when archeologists found evidence of an early Viking landing.

Much has been written since this amazing discovery was made, but it's not yet clear whether Leif Eiriksson ever slept here.

If he didn't, some of his contemporaries apparently did and they left interesting ruins and artifacts.

The remains of eight buildings at L'Anse aux Meadows are still being examined by archeologists and pieces of bone, turf and charcoal are said to be about 1,000 years old according to radiocarbon tests.

Still, the question remains. Could cold, bleak L'Anse-aux-Meadows be the land Leif named Vinland?

It's highly probable since, to some Vikings, the area might be considered comparatively warm... warm enough for a variety of edible berries to grow... and some of them make excellent wine.

Real grapes appear south of Maine and vines bearing grapes don't exist at L'Anse-aux-Meadows. But the "grapes" the early explorers found could have been large berries of another type.

Besides, some scholars claim Vin, in old Norse language, meant grass as well as vine. So, whether Leif was overwhelmed by Newfoundland's succulent berries or the grassy slopes of L'Anse-aux-Meadows, he could have named the place Vinland in any case.

The argument over the name may never be settled, but the evidence pointing to a Viking settlement in Newfoundland, five centuries before Columbus, Cartier or Cabot leaves no doubt in anyone's mind.

Archeologists from Canada, the United States, Iceland and Scandinavia have unearthed proof the Vikings were at L'Anse-aux-Meadows. Among the items found in the remains of Norse-type buildings are a stone lamp, iron rivets, a spindle whorl, bone needles, a ring-headed bronze pin and iron fragments. These articles - all

of them used by Norsemen elsewhere - were unknown to the Indians of that time.

One building, nearly 24m (80 feet) long, had six rooms including an indoor cockpit. Searchers also found what they believe was a sauna bath because of the large number of cracked stones in a fireplace.

They found clear evidence the settlers had their own blacksmith's shop and they dug up bones of domesticated animals also unknown to the Indians.

The site of the diggings has been turfed over to protect it, for the future, but the outline of the buildings has been exaggerated for easier viewing.

Parks Canada has opened a visitor reception centre near the site. The centre contains a display of Norse history and culture with several artifacts and ancient Norse tools and weapons.

After visiting the interpretation centre, it takes little imagination to visualize the tiny Viking settlement as it was 1,000 years ago.

The name L'Anse-aux-Meadows probably comes from the French L'Anse-aux-Meduses (Jellyfish Bay) since the area was settled by the French in 1713.

Among remaining French ruins are old ovens at French Beach and L'Anse-aux-Meadows Point as well as many old tombsites at several places including Quirpon Island.

Local fishermen take tourists on cod-jigging trips off shore and the area is also renowned for its trout and salmon fishing.

At Burnt Cape, near Raleigh on Pistolet Bay, boats can enter the Big Oven, a large cave leading to an underground beach. Two connecting caves nearby are called the "cannon holes" and these are only a few of the interesting rock formations near L'Anse-aux-Meadows.

St. Anthony, 35 km (22 miles) from L'Anse-aux-Meadows, is the largest community at the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula, which goes from about Gros Morne National Park to the strait of Belle-Isle.

This village found its niche in history long before archeologists started digging for Norse remains. It's the site chosen by Dr. Wilfred Gren-

fell for his first hospital way back in 1892.

The famous English doctor devoted his entire life to the welfare of the people of Labrador and northern Newfoundland.

His grave is at Tea House Hill, near Grenfell House. He is gone, but well remembered, and the men and women of the Grenfell Mission still carry on his work.

The pride of the International Grenfell Association is the large, modern Charles S. Curtis Memorial Hospital at St. Anthony. This hospital, named after Dr. Grenfell's successor, has 150 beds, and 20 doctors. In its rotunda is a striking eight-panel ceramic mural by Canadian artist Jordi Bonet.

Across the street from the hospital is the Grenfell handicraft shop, a unique display of jewelry and clothing made by Indians and Inuit. Also on the shelves are items made of felt, leather, skin, macramé, beads, ceramic and metal.

Icebergs are another attraction in the area. Icebergs are often trapped inside the bays near St. Anthony. Sometimes they last well into summer and act as "air conditioners" on warmer days.

Fishermen will gladly take visitors out in the bay for a chance to touch an iceberg.

Highway 430 from Deer Lake to St. Anthony is not paved, except for some stretches, but the 433 km (272-mile) seaside drive is well worth the inconvenience. Just 40 km (25 miles) from

Deer Lake, the highway goes through scenic Gros Morne National Park for about 97 km (60 miles).

A short distance past the national park is the provincial park of The Arches, site of interesting rock formations.

More than half way to St. Anthony, from Deer Lake, is the archeological wonder of Port au Choix, where a 4,000-year-old Indian burial site has been discovered.

At St. Barbe, a ferry takes cars and pedestrians to Blanc Sablon, on the Quebec-Labrador border.

Besides the large Gros Morne National Park, there are camping facilities at River of Ponds Provincial Park some 32 km (20 miles) from Port-au-Choix, and at Pistolet Bay Provincial Park just a few kilometres from L'Anse-aux-Meadows.

There's swimming at both parks while River of Ponds has excellent salmon fishing and the park operates an exhibit of whale bones.

At Pistolet Bay, canoeists may enjoy an extensive lake system and campers may pick coral from the shores of Pistolet Bay.

There are several motels, lodges, cabins or hospitality homes between Deer Lake and the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula. There are two motels and two hospitality homes at St. Anthony while there is a motel at nearby Pistolet Bay. These are the closest accommodations to L'Anse-aux-Meadows. St. Anthony has a small airport, about 24 km (15 miles) west of the village.

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