

Slow growth for recycling

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While there's greater interest in recycling trash, it's still not entirely a money-making venture.

But Mrs. Gwen Discepolo maintains it is a growth business as government and major corporations are jointly taking action to find cost-effective ways to reduce the load on landfill sites.

INVOLVE OFFICE

A new project Halton's Recycled Resources Ltd. is working on is source separation in the office with the provincial ministry of environment. Mrs. Discepolo estimates that as much as 90 per cent of the waste that flows out of the office in trash bins can be recycled.

When the firm started out in 1978, it employed two part-time workers to sift through the waste and separate the recyclable material.

Now, there are 18 full time employees.

The company's philosophy, she added, is to preserve the ecology, recover resources from trash and employ mentally- and physically-handicapped people.

There are new technological developments in resource recovery constantly, she said.

Canada is not quite a leader in resource recovery planning, however. Mrs. Discepolo noted that countries like Italy and Japan which have a chronic shortage of land for landfill sites have very strict garbage guidelines to ensure that as much household trash is recovered as possible.

Encouraging people to take the time to separate their garbage means changing the way people think of lowly old trash. Halton's waste disposal routine will look considerably different ten years from now than it does today, and Halton's Recycled Resources Ltd. will likely be out somewhere in the front, leading the way.

Waste disposal meeting

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The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) has scheduled a series of public consultation meetings in October and November at four locations throughout the Golden Horseshoe to discuss OWMC's search for liquid industrial and hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities. Beginning in Niagara Falls on Oct. 12, OWMC officials will be in Milton Oct. 18, Wellandport Oct. 28 and Hamilton Nov. 9. These locations lie within or near to candidate areas announced

last May by OWMC, where the search for the facility locations will be concentrated. "In line with our promise of no surprises, we want to ensure that people in these candidate areas are informed

of the progress we have made since last May, and have an opportunity to discuss current site selection issues," said Dr. Donald Chant, Chairman and President of OWMC, in announcing this series of meetings. Since the announcement of candidate areas within the Golden

Horseshoe last May, OWMC has met with municipal, provincial and federal planning officials to collect recorded data on a wide range of environmental, land use, transportation and local planning issues.

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SAVES TREES

Some estimates, Mrs. Discepolo said, say that between 17 and 20 trees are saved for every ton of newsprint recovered. She said it finds its way back into the marketplace as cores for toilet paper rolls, various cardboard and the thick spools used in the wool and weaving industry, among many other products.

The market for waste newsprint varies and is as subject to fluctuations in the economy as many other products, Mrs. Discepolo said.

An average good price may range between \$20 and \$30 a ton. At the firm, there was a noticeable decrease in newsprint volume during the recent recession, because newspaper advertising lineages were down. Papers experienced a corresponding decrease in size.

Farmer's rep angry

Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee (HAAC) rep Peter Branch is upset with the way the HAAC is being treated by regional planning staff.

Mr. Branch told the region's planning and public works committee last Wednesday that he feels the HAAC is being "upstaged" by the planning department which prepares the HAAC agendas. The agenda, he suggested, should be prepared by the HAAC in conjunction with an independent expert.

A seminar directed at parents of handicapped children on Wills and Estate Planning will be held Wednesday Oct. 3 at E.C. Drury High School in Milton starting at 7:15. For more information call 877-5557.

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