

**Leferink Disposal**

# Firm's business picking up

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Albert Leferink isn't squeamish about garbage.

With other people's weekly output of trash, he's been able to build a successful family business, whose name and fleet of blue trucks are as well recognized in North Halton's rural area as silos and cedar fences.

Private contractors, like Leferink Disposals Ltd., collect garbage in the rural area, unless residents prefer to cart it off to the region's landfill site in Burlington or to a "transfer" station on Georgetown's Armstrong Boulevard.

Rural ratepayers pay for their own garbage collection, although garbage in the urban areas of Acton and Georgetown is collected by the town's own garbage trucks.

Over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, business is always brisk.

**TREE TIME**  
"At Christmas time," Mr. Leferink said during a recent interview, "there's a lot more garbage, mostly wrapping paper and boxes. It's lighter than the stuff we normally pick up."

"Now we'll start picking up the Christmas trees."

In the trash pick-up trade, the winter months of December, January and February tend to be the "slack

time," Mr. Leferink commented, adding that household and yard trash amounts also level off during the peak of the summer "when people go on holiday".

"But in the spring and fall, that's another story," he said. "People have been cleaning out the woodshed or the yard and there's an awful lot of damp leaves."

Albert Leferink, a Netherlands native, began collecting trash from fellow rural neighbors in 1966. At that time, he was employed with the old Domtar paper plant in Georgetown; the garbage pickup was earning some extra money for his family.

**FIRM GROWS**  
Eventually, the growth of his list of customers was putting too much of a strain on what was supposed to be part-time operation.

"At night, I would work at the mill," he said. "And then I'd be on the road during the day collecting garbage. In my first week, I got 43 customers."

Mr. Leferink eventually left Domtar to concentrate full-time on his burgeoning trash collection business.

Now, his fleet of trucks number eight — three big "roll off" trucks (one with a trailer); two trucks with a front-loading fork; two smaller pick-up trucks for collections in the rural area and a container delivery truck.

Leferink's Disposals most significant expansion came just six years ago when it started to enlarge its equipment inventory from two trucks.

Private firms empty the large trash containers used by industries. A growth of customers

Leferink Transfer Ltd., a sister company of Leferink Disposals Ltd., operates the solid waste transfer station on Armstrong Ave. in Georgetown. (Inset) Leferink treasurer John Gillissen and his model for an enclosed compacting building and transfer station.



from the industrial areas spurred Leferink to meet demand by buying more equipment, Mr. Leferink explained.

In addition, Leferink Transfer Ltd., is responsible for operating the solid waste transfer station on Armstrong Avenue.

All trash collected in Halton Hills and bound for Burlington stops at Leferink's transfer station first. Here, solid waste is compacted into smaller, heavier loads.

Leferink trucks haul 80 tonnes of waste to the landfill site each day.

Truly a family business, the Leferink Disposals and Leferink Transfer firms provide livings for a number of family members.

Albert Leferink's sons, John, Bert and Wayne and nephew Jack Klooster work for the firms, as does his brother-in-law, John Gillissen, the treasurer.

**POOR VIEW**  
People tend to have a poor view of garbage disposal, Mr. Leferink acknowledged. It has been reflected in public and private response to Leferink's proposal for a permanent transfer station on Armstrong Avenue.

"There's been a lot of bad news about garbage, like the Hooker Chemical Ltd. (New York) episode," Mr. Leferink said.

# Globe donates theatre lighting

As part of their goal to provide needed equipment for the John Elliott Theatre, Georgetown Globe Productions recently donated \$1,000 to purchase two dimmer modules needed for lighting at the theatre.

The Halton Hills Arts Council has matched Globe's donation and the final third came

from the Town of Halton Hills. Globe is planning on using the new lighting for their February production of New Girl In Town.

Local theatre and arts groups are pooling their resources by installing all their lighting equipment permanently in theatre for use by all groups. Globe has also

bought eight orchestra stands and lights which may be used by other groups performing in the theatre.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown joined Globe and has donated \$250 for four more music stands.

Tickets for Globe's New Girl In Town are available by calling 877-4323.

# Old fashioned fun

Join in some old-fashioned winter fun at Black Creek Pioneer Village, in northwest Metro Toronto, weekends, from January 1 to March 3 inclusive, weather permitting.

Although the 19th century Village buildings close for the season on December 31 visitors can still dash through the snow-covered streets in a horse-drawn sleigh. Sleigh rides will run every half hour, between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays. The cost is \$5 cents per person for the 30 minute ride.

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Skim across the ice on Black Creek's skating rink, located in front of the Town Hall, weekends only, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors can use the driveway to change into-out of their skates.

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# Leferink seeks permanent waste transfer station

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It isn't an elaborate piece of architecture, but a model in John Gillissen's office may help solve some of the problems Halton Hills faces because the nearest landfill site is over 30 miles away.

Leferink Disposals Ltd. and Leferink Transfer Ltd. have wanted to establish a permanent solid waste transfer station in town since 1977. Currently, they operate one on Armstrong Avenue, taking in the town's trash, compacting it, and then shipping it to the Burlington landfill site near the Hamilton-Burlington border.

But the province's ministry of environment recognizes the transfer station as a temporary facility only, to be used while the region funds and develops a new landfill site.

**ENCLOSED**  
The site on Armstrong Avenue isn't enclosed by a building, but Leferink insists the temporary transfer station is free of debris from the compacting process.

Nevertheless, it would prefer to confine the dumping and compacting of trash to one completely closed building.

"Trucks," Mr. Gillissen explained, moving a finger over the model, "would move in here and dump the garbage on the floor. Bulldozers would push it into the pit where it's compacted in the container and then driven away. In an enclosed facility we can do more separation, removing items like newspaper and metal which can be recycled, and there's no smell and no dust."

But Leferink's plan hasn't moved from the model stage, and it may be some time before it does.

**WELCOME**  
It hasn't been widely welcomed from some of the industries on Armstrong Avenue, Leferink would move further down the road from its current transfer site. The environmental assessment process which would look at the proposal can't get underway until the region's hunt under the Environmental Assessment Act for a new landfill site is completed.

"In the three years of operating at the Armstrong Avenue site," Mr. Gillissen said, "we haven't had one complaint. But the reaction with everything associated with garbage is 'not in my backyard'."

If the region selects a site somewhere in the middle of Halton, the transfer station may not be necessary — haulers and the town's own collection trucks could drive directly to the dump.

But, Mr. Gillissen noted, the collecting trucks aren't suited for long highway hauls. For Milton and Halton Hills, transfer stations may be needed if a garbage landfill site is pin pointed south of Highway 5.

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