

Sweeping format changes

Proposed dump study meetings open to public as observers

Sweeping changes have been made to the committee looking into the proposed dump at the Acton quarry.

The committee met March 2 in Milton to discuss all the issues raised by objectors to the format of the public consultation process set up by Rockwood consulting firm Eco Logic Laboratories.

Originally, the meetings were to be closed to the press and the public. Some 18 meetings were to be held weekly to discuss various topics and Eco Logic would prepare a press release containing information surfacing at the meetings.

But objections by the citizens group POWER, the Region, the Town of Halton Hills and by two conservation groups Wednesday forced major changes to the format, location and even the name of the group.

Julian Daffern, the public liaison officer for Eco Logic said the meetings will be open to the press and the public who may watch as "observers."

The meetings will be held in Halton Hills and the name will be changed from the original Acton Quarry Landfill Advisory Committee. Suggestions for name changes include the Proposed Acton Quarry Landfill Study Group or Exchange Group, said Ms. Daffern.

The 18 meetings scheduled by Eco Logic have now been postponed until a site in Halton Hills is found and a neutral, independent chairman agrees to sit on the committee, said Ms. Daffern.

As well, Eco Logic will be advertising in the local media for any interested groups or organizations who wish to sit on the committee.

The meetings will likely be scheduled every second week instead of weekly as Eco Logic had originally planned. That can accommodate people who are on a busy schedule and make it easier for them to attend, said Ms. Daffern.

Eco Logic still plans to hold 18 meetings. The committee is intended to fulfill the "pre-submission consultation" requirements of the Environmental Assessment process.

The proponent of the dump, Reclamation Systems Inc., who hired Eco Logic, will likely not make a formal application to the Ministry of the Environment for the landfill site until the public meetings are completed.

Eco Logic plans to distribute "comment sheets" to the Acton and Georgetown libraries and other public venues for views and opinions of the public, said Ms. Daffern.

The technical reports on the quarry will also be available at the libraries and at Eco Logic's office in Rockwood.

POWER President Ruth French is pleased at the changes to the committee.

"I feel better about the set up," said Mrs. French.

She believes the public will get a fair consultation process out of the changes discussed at the 4 1/2 hour meeting.

Oriena Currie to run as Liberal candidate

By BRIAN MacLEOD
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Milton's Oriena Currie will take a second run at federal politics for the Liberal party in the forthcoming election.

Mrs. Currie made public her intention to run in the Halton-Peel riding in a possible fall election early last week.

In 1984, Mrs. Currie took on Conservative Cabinet Minister Otto Jelinek in the riding of Halton but she couldn't overcome the Conservative sweep, losing by over 20,000 votes.

Mrs. Currie said she's been a "card carrying Liberal" since 1981 but "I've been a Liberal since the '60s."

"I can see no reason for delays," Mrs. Currie said of her reasons for declaring her candidacy so early.

The 52-year-old widow has lived in Campbellville for about 30 years where she runs an amusement

machine business. She also owns a retail store in Campbellville.

She is currently the President of the Toronto women's Liberal Association and she is the Campbellville Vice-President of the Halton-Peel Federal Liberal Association.

Mrs. Currie is expecting free trade and the Meech Lake Accord to surface as the major issues in the coming federal election.

Abortion may also emerge as a major issue if legislation dealing with abortion is dealt with before the election, she said.

While Liberal leader John Turner said he would "tear up" the free trade agreement if his party is elected, Mrs. Currie's stand is not as harsh.

"What he means is not that he's against (trade with the U.S.). He would probably renegotiate an agreement that is more beneficial to Canada," she said.



CAW workers at Smith and Stone went out on strike March 6 demanding better pensions, higher wages, and better benefits. Over 270 workers at the plant will picket the company's main entrance 24 hours a day until the

strike is settled. Above, workers were greeted with balmy weather on the first full day of the strike but they're prepared with barrels of wood for burning in case the weather turns sour. (Herald photo)

Smith and Stone strike

270 employees walk off job

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Over 270 workers at Smith and Stone are walking the picket lines after talks between management and the Canadian Auto Workers

Union Local 1421 broke off March 3. The union went on strike Sunday afternoon. A strike vote two weeks ago gave the union a mandate to call

a strike with more than 90 per cent in favor of walking out, said Local 1421 President John Doherty, who was walking the picket lines on Monday.

Workers' pensions is the main issue stalling negotiations, according to Mr. Doherty.

CAW chief negotiator Bruce Davidson said pensions are the major issue but workers are also asking for better vacation benefits, uncapped cost of living allowances and an increase in wages.

Smith and Stone President Dr. Stan Tooke agreed the pension issue is the biggest snag in the negotiations.

The two sides met with a mediator from the Ministry of Labor Thursday but that meeting produced no results, said Dr. Tooke.

He would not say if the company plans to use management personnel to keep Smith and Stone operating during the strike.

The union says the next move is up to the company. "The strike will go on until the company comes to its senses," said Mr. Davidson.

Dr. Tooke is still considering the company's next move. Neither side has any plans to go back to the negotiating table in the near future.

The company's last offer included a pay increase of 25 cents an hour the first year and 20 cents the second year of a two-year contract, said Mr. Davidson.

"We certainly feel we require a much large wage (increase) than that," he said.

He also objected to a clause in the

company's offer which doesn't give employees credit towards their pension plan for their first two years work.

While the tone of the negotiations is not completely amicable, said Mr. Davidson, the two sides simply "agreed to disagree."

Asked if he thought this might be a long strike, Mr. Davidson said workers are prepared to stay out for a long time.

"I prefer to prepare for the worst and hope for the best."

Open doors theme for World Day of Prayer

NORVAL-The World Day of Prayer service was held at Norval United Church with a good attendance from the village churches. Dorothy McLean presided.

The women of Brazil prepared the Centennial service with the theme Open Doors.

Beth Laidlaw, Ada Duff, Mary Maxwell, Jean Crichton, Eleanor McClure, Wilma Archdekin, Noreen Van Leeuwen, Betty Johnson, Marilyn Smith and Given Laidlaw took part in the service.

Doris Sharpe and Glenn Laidlaw sang a duet God the Word incarnate accompanied by Margaret Ridley. Rev. Walter Ridley introduced Margaret McDyre of Holy Cross Church of Georgetown who had spent time in Peru with a YWCA group representing six communities in Ontario.

Using the theme Open Doors, she brought a message of the situations in countries where millions live in shanty towns while in the same cities there is wealth and beautiful homes. The underprivileged move in from areas where they can no longer exist, searching for shelter and food.

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