

Outlook on Halton Hills



Lee Hayes of Ewing Street in Georgetown poses amidst some of the over 21,000 cigarette packages she has collected over the past year. Mrs. Hayes, a smoker herself, says the packages, if full, would be worth

over \$45,000. She began collecting the packages - with the help of co-workers and friends - to help a church group buy wheelchairs for handicapped individuals. (Herald photo)

In the hills

POWER dinner

Tickets are still available for the POWER fundraising dinner at the Olde Hide House featuring noted environmentalist Dr. Jack Vallentyne Tuesday June 7.

The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and Dr. Vallentyne will speak at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Vallentyne is expected to oppose the Acton quarry dump as "ethical unsound."

There are only a few remaining tickets for the fundraiser. Tickets are available at the Olde Hide House or by phoning 853-0039.

Physically

Physically Handicapped Awareness Week has been slated for May 29 to June 4. People are urged to increase their awareness of the physically handicapped, and bridge the gap towards understanding.

Red Cross meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Georgetown and District Red Cross Annual Meeting and Awards Night, June 7, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Judy and Brian Robinson of Georgetown, who will show slides of South America from their educational tour, which was sponsored by the Anglican Church Diocese of Niagara. Everyone is welcome.

Residents don't buy "No smell"

A consultant's claim that residents will be able to stand just 30 metres away from the proposed dump in the Acton quarry and not smell any odors has some people questioning their data.

Gloria Ellenton, of Eltek Environmental, told the Acton quarry Study Group May 26 that computer calculations show odors from the dumpsite won't be a problem even when it is two-thirds full.

But committee members sighed disbelievingly at the consultant.

All the odors are confined within the dump except to the east where an open space allows odors out, said Ms. Ellenton.

However, during the final phase of the landfill site some people who live about 70 metres to the east of the dump will find times when they won't be able to sit outside in their backyard, Ms. Ellenton admitted.

Residents more than one kilometre away from the dump will "fall below the threshold," of odor tolerance, she said.

The closest property to the opening of the dump is 400 metres away, she added.

But several committee members, and some of the 30 people in the audience, said there were many houses located close to the proposed dumpsite which aren't included on the map of the area used by Ms. Ellenton.

The numbers calculated don't include the smell of garbage trucks coming into the dumpsite, she said.

Eco Logic President Douglas Hallett said trucks leaving the proposed quarry across the street with aggregate, and coming back from Toronto with garbage "has been considered."

Ms. Ellenton said the formula for calculating odors is not entirely scientific but it's the most accurate available from the Ministry of the Environment.

Some committee members want Ms. Ellenton to back up her claims from information available at other dumpsites.


"If they want to say you can stand 30 metres away from the landfill site and not smell it, they're going to have to back that up with proof from an existing landfill site," POWER president Ruth French said after the meeting.

"I don't think that's realistic with actual garbage and actual human noses."

Discussions scheduled for dust

and noise were postponed after it became apparent there wouldn't be time after a 3 1/2 hour meeting.

The hearings resume June 9 at the Acton Legion to discuss transportation.




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