

Outlook on Halton Hills



Acton Royalty

Acton High School commencement opened in royal fashion last Friday with Queen Angela Bridge and King Rick Sarto, both Grade 12 students, looking on. The royal cou-

ple led the procession of graduates both to and from the stage, and observed the commencement from a throne placed to one side of the stage.

Recycling Week promotes good waste management

A recycling wave is sweeping across Ontario as more and more municipalities implement multi-material curbside recycling programs.

During Ontario's fourth annual Recycling Week, scheduled for Nov. 14 to 20, more than one million households in nearly 100 communities are practising good waste management through recycling.

Multi-material recycling is widely recognized as providing long-term benefits including extending the life of landfill sites, reducing solid waste, conserving energy in the original manufacture of paper, glass, metal and plastic products, and creating jobs in Ontario-based conservation and recycling industries.

"The Town of Halton Hills can celebrate Recycling Week with pride," says Mayor Russ Miller. Since Halton Hills' curbside recycl-

ing program was launched in April of 1978, over 5,600 tons of recyclable material have been collected and processed for market."

The Mayor says Halton Hills' recycling program was an important first step in addressing the growing amount of garbage previously sent to the landfill sites. "Recycling has given every householder in this municipality a chance to take a stand for a cleaner, healthier environment, for wiser use of our dwindling natural resources and for responsible waste management," the Mayor adds.

This event carries a serious message. "Disposing of our refuse doesn't just happen by magic. It has to go somewhere. Recycling provides an opportunity for every citizen of Halton Hills to play a personal role in helping to address the waste disposal problem," the Mayor says.

Protest helps spark opposition

In a noisy demonstration at Queen's Park Wednesday, POWER members asked Environment Minister Jim Bradley for a moratorium on private landfill proposals until a review of the Environmental Assessment process is complete.

About 70 people marched around Queen's Park for about half an hour chanting slogans like "Stop the dump" and "Save our town," during the afternoon protest.

POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) then brought out an effigy of the environment minister for a press conference in the media room.

There, POWER spokesperson Barbara Halsall handed a letter on to ministry officials asking for the moratorium.

The proposed landfill site is located between Highway 25 and the Fourth Line just north of Sideroad 22 near Limehouse.

Reclamation Systems Inc., a conglomerate consisting of two cement companies, United Aggregate Ltd. and Comcor Waste Management Systems, plan to construct a landfill capable of handling 20 million tonnes of garbage over 20 years on the 170-acre site.

The private proposal will be the first landfill site to undergo the scrutiny of the Environmental Assessment Act, a piece of provincial legislation introduced in the late 1970s to deal with municipal applications for landfill.

POWER members say the legisla-

tion is not properly equipped to handle a private application.

Private proposals do not have to adhere to many of the strict regulations in the process that public proposals must follow, POWER members say.

The massive landfill site would handle waste from surrounding municipalities, including possibly Metropolitan Toronto which is now in the midst of a waste management crisis.

Although Mr. Bradley has said the proposal will be designated under the EA act, it has yet to be formally designated by Cabinet - a situation Mrs. Halsall says is akin to "the cheque is in the mail."

The proposal is quite separate from Halton's 10-year \$10 million search for a landfill site expected to wrap up this year with a decision between sites in Burlington and

Milton.

The provincial government has begun a review of the EA legislation, but the review likely won't be ready in time to deal with the RSI proposal.

POWER wants the proposal halted until the new rules are in place.

The demonstration at Queen's Park Wednesday was successful, said Mrs. Halsall.

"We're finally on the map out here," said Mrs. Halsall.

Mayor Russ Miller said he was "proud to be there."

"I thought it went very well. It was an organized protest," said Mayor Miller.

"I would feel that it would impress upon Jim Bradley that we are very concerned... (and that) we are going to protest it, and fight it, and not allow it to happen right to the very end," he said.

Elliot questions Bradley

While POWER demonstrators marched outside Queen's Park Wednesday, Halton North MPP Walt Elliot was discussing the proposed landfill in the legislature with Environment Minister Jim Bradley.

Mr. Elliot noted the Acton quarry site has twice been turned down as a landfill site. "How many times does a municipality have to go to the expense of having such a site rejected?" Mr. Elliot asked.

"In the province of Ontario people have the freedom and right to make proposals to government for various initiatives including waste management initiatives," replied Mr. Bradley.

"The difference today... is we

have now put under the Environmental Assessment Act even the private sector proposals for a landfill of the kind that has been proposed in Acton," he added.

(Private proposals are usually designated under the less stringent Environmental Protection Act).

Noting that the proposed site sits on an aquifer that covers some 3,000 square miles and supplies water to all Halton Hills residents, Mr. Elliot asked: "Does it make any sense at all to dump garbage in such a location?"

That decision will be up to the Environmental Assessment Board, said Mr. Bradley.

"They put it through the very toughest of scrutiny."

Society meets

The Georgetown Horticultural Society have Don and Marjorie Hancock as speakers at the society's Nov. 18 meeting. Landscaping is Don's subject and Marjorie will speak about Rhododendrons.

The Hancocks operate a nursery south of Cooksville.

Christmas decorations will be on display for further discussion.

Meetings of the Horticultural Society are open to the public.

The Society's next meeting will be held on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church hall in Georgetown.


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