

POWER hauls in over \$8,000 from gigantic garage sale

POWER, the local group opposed to putting a landfill site in the Acton quarry, held a garage sale Saturday that organizers are calling one of the biggest and best in Halton Hills' history.

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources was given access to the Town of Halton Hills public works garage where they held a giant garage sale that raised over \$8,000.

cepted until the end of May, said POWER public relations spokesman John Minns.

"The extension has been given by the Environmental Assessment Branch (of the Ministry of the Environment) for comments by the end of May.

"The responses will come back and they will be rewritten and recirculated by the ministry," he said.

"The only thing that could stop (the process) is if the proponent (RSI) backed out."

And Mrs. French said it is unlikely RSI, who has invested money into promoting the Acton quarry as a landfill site, will back out now.

POWER will hold a two-day workshop in June during Environment Week to host groups from all over the Niagara Escarpment. And Mrs. French says the group has "already started plans for booths at both the Acton and Georgetown fairs."

The fairs are held annually in the fall.

But Mrs. French said the all-day garage sale Saturday demonstrated public support for POWER's attempts to fight the proposed dump in Acton.

"The throngs of people who came out to the garage sale were just overwhelming." One account puts the total attendance "in the thousands."

Mrs. French said the group was excited by the turnout, the town's generosity in lending the public works site, and the local donations received. But she added it was also great to see POWER on the 11 o'clock news Saturday, after the event was attended by Channel 9 and Channel 11 news.



POWER members raised \$8,000 to help in the fight against the proposed Acton quarry landfill site at a giant garage sale at the Trafalgar Road public works building Saturday. Here, Ruth French, Len Landry and Linda Noble of POWER help out an effigy of Environment Minister Jim Bradley. (Herald photo)

The garage sale was a fundraiser to help fight a landfill site proposed by Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI). The local business consortium put a proposal in to the Ministry of the Environment last February to receive government approval to turn the Third Line-Sideroad 22 quarry into a dumpsite.

An organizer of Saturday's garage sale and president of the 300-member POWER group, Ruth French, was proud of the group's fundraising achievements.

"We virtually took a mountain of what might have been garbage and recycled it into \$8,000 for our cause."

Local residents bought and contributed assorted items to help POWER raise money to fight RSI. Any leftover items were given to local charities, said Mrs. French.

RSI is in the first stages of seeking governmental approval for a landfill site in the Acton quarry. The Ministry of the Environment has sent out documents inviting public comment. Groups such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Town of Halton Hills have already responded, but the ministry granted an extension to those who are late with comments.

Originally given an April 15 deadline, comments will be ac-

POWER has applied to the provincial government for intervenor funding - funding that will allow the citizens group to fight RSI's Acton quarry proposal consolidated hearings. The hearings could begin as early as February, said Mrs. French.

The hearings could cost POWER up to \$300,000. Mrs. French said POWER is unsure of how much money will come from the provincial government's intervenor allocation.

The Acton quarry will continue to be considered as a landfill site.

Tourist village will "put Georgetown on the map"

A proposed tourist village for the 55-acre Dominion Seed House lot will put Georgetown "on the map" for tourism, said Chamber of Commerce general manager Doug Penrice.

Mr. Penrice's comments follow last week's announcement that the Harding and MacLean families who own and operate the Dominion Seed House would not be selling the property on Guelph Street between Mountainview Road and Maple Avenue but would lease it to merchants.

"It will put Georgetown on the map... but I don't think it will take anything away from the Olde Hide House, (in Acton)," said Mr. Penrice. He said the Acton and Georgetown tourist attractions

would "complement" each other.

The seed house owners will review the property and decide what buildings, including shops and a hotel, are suitable for the property. The use of 20 to 30 acres planned for development will not be determined for four to five years.

Mr. Penrice said that the Harding family could be better than a developer would be with the large chunk of land in its urban setting.

"Sometimes a developer might not have looked at it as creatively as the family is doing," he said.

The Dominion Seed House has been in Georgetown for 60 years. It is a successful retail plant and seed sale centre that attracts many people into the urban area.

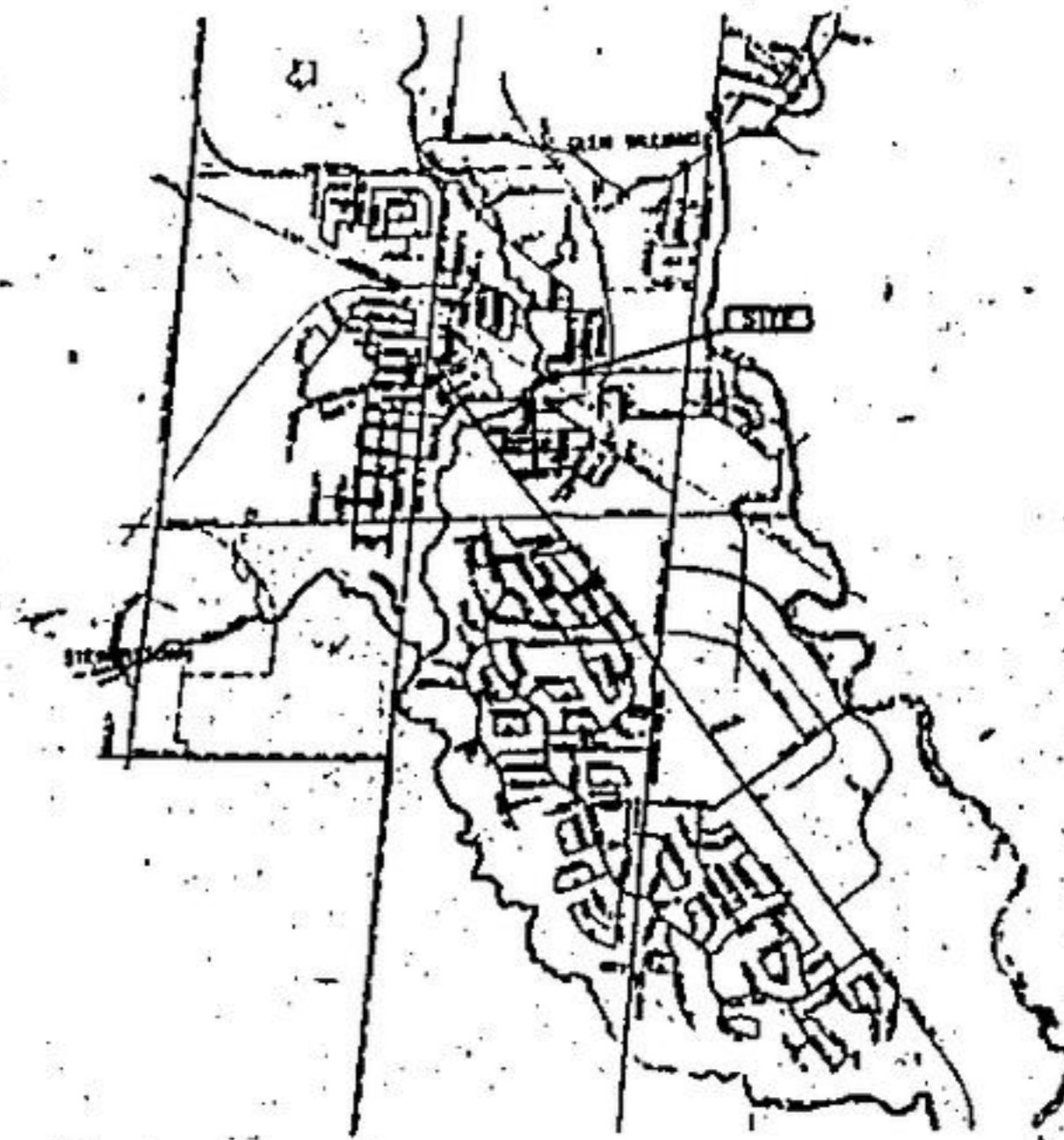


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NOTICE

The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, at the request of the Canadian National Railway, has passed a by-law to close John Street at the C.N.R. underpass. The road closure is necessary to carry out railway rehabilitation works at the underpass. The road closure will be in effect from April 25 to June 23, 1989 and will be closed to vehicular traffic.



A copy of the by-law will be available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering office. Any inquiries should be directed to Ted Drowlo, Manager of Operations, Engineering Department, 877-5185. Extension 238 or John Bond, Structural Engineer, C.N.R., 860-2229.

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TENDER P-89-M-3

Road Building Material

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by Mr. D. Costea, Administrator-Clerk until,

12 Noon Local Time, Tuesday, May 9, 1989

to supply, deliver and apply approximately 26,475 tonnes of Granular "A" and 1,000 tonnes of Granular "B" and 2,500 tonnes ¾" crusher run to various locations.

Tender forms may be obtained from Mr. H. Patterson, Purchasing Agent, 36 Main Street South, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario.

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Culvert Construction

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 298 and 301 of the Municipal Act, being Chapter 302 of the revised Statutes of Ontario, 1980, that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills, at its meeting to be held in the Administration Building, Trafalgar Road, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 8, 1989, will consider the passing of by-laws for the culvert construction as set out below:

Contract P-89-C-2

Box Culvert Construction, 32 Sideroad
± 300 m East of 6th Line,
Concession 7

The public is advised that 32 sideroad, between the 6th Line and Sandalwood, will be closed to through traffic during the construction period.

Plans detailing this project and the proposed by-laws are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Engineering Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to the Engineering Department at 877-5185.

The Council will hear, in person, or by his Counsel, any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the office of the undersigned no later than Thursday, May 4, 1989.

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