

Money needed to change current trash pick-up

Despite objections to the lack of change in garbage collection, pick-up for residential and commercial Halton Hills will stay the same until the town gets more money, town engineer Bob Austin said last week.

"Unless there's a bucketful of money falling from the sky," he said, pick-up will continue to be once weekly for residences and twice weekly for businesses. And although a recommendation was made last year to limit the number of bags per collection location, he said the amount will not change.

"You may not have quelled the troubled waters in the business area," said Acton Coun. Gerald Rennie to Mr. Austin last week.

He said business people were complaining that some businesses were getting better garbage collection service than others.

But Mr. Austin said that any establishment is welcome to the town's service. He said the essence of the town's latest trash collection report is, "to be fair and equitable."

An average \$141,000 is in the budget this year for commercial refuse, said Mr. Austin. He added that it would be spent in quarters: at \$35,000 four times a year.

The impetus behind the system is to collect garbage and not to "clean up" messes created by businesses, he said.

If approved by town council at this week's meeting, the new garbage bylaw would be in operation by October, 1989. The latest report is the product of five reports and over a year of discussion. The commercial refuse collection issue first came to council through the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce a year ago.

"Generally, the present commercial refuse collection we provide is satisfactory," said Mr. Austin. But, "it is not the most attractive system or the safest system." Mr. Austin said the system is "cost efficient."

Council formerly defeated a motion that offered changes to the garbage collection plan.

"I made the recommendation last time (for changes) and I wasn't coming back to make it again," he said.

"We now suggest that curb-side pick-up be eliminated where desirable and that municipal packers pick up on private property," Mr. Austin said in a recent report to town council.

The report also said there would be no limit to how many bags are collected at one location. But there is an added stipulation that old corrugated cardboard (OCC) containers be replaced with plastic bags for storing garbage. OCC is not allowed to be collected for landfill in Halton Region.

Specific locations for garbage collection will be written into an agreement between the town and the commercial business, says the town report.

Coun. Rennie said there are people from outside Halton Hills who use the town's commercial pick-up service.

"There are people in Rockwood dropping garbage off on Mill Street in Acton," he said. But Mr. Austin said there is no bylaw in place to prosecute offenders.

And "we have not been able to prosecute those who put their refuse out days ahead."

Things "may not go smoothly, but we're running out of cheap alternatives," he said.

Region "content" with site

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to the Milton site for landfill use. And the Region said although this is true, the ministry also expressed approval of the Milton site. NSP Investments, owners of the Burlington site near Aldershot -

formerly the Region's top choice for a landfill site - said the Burlington site is both "suitable" and "acceptable."

The company also says the Joint Board did not choose the Milton site in compliance with Ministry of

the Environment guidelines.

But the Region says the Burlington site was approved to be dangerous to the general public. They said it would be a "leaky landfill site."

Severance charges

Two people charged in connection with illegal severances in Halton Region pleaded not guilty at a court hearing in Milton last week.

Rona Bihun, 65, of Milton and William John Proud, 52, of Oakville face a combined six charges by Halton Regional Police. They are scheduled to appear in court in March 1990.

Mrs. Bihun, a former secretary-treasurer of the all-citizen eight-member Land Division Committee formed to review land severance applications, is charged with two counts of uttering a forged document and two counts of fraudulent registration of a title.

Mr. Proud, a landowner in North Oakville, faces one count of uttering a forged document and one count of fraudulent registration of a title. Police say he allegedly sold land to a developer after receiving severance approval from the LDC.

The investigation into illegal land severances was prompted by a citizen complaint.

Halton police began investigating in March and charged Nicholas Weir of Milton, with an illegal land severance. Mr. Weir pleaded guilty to one count against him.

The Halton police investigation continues.

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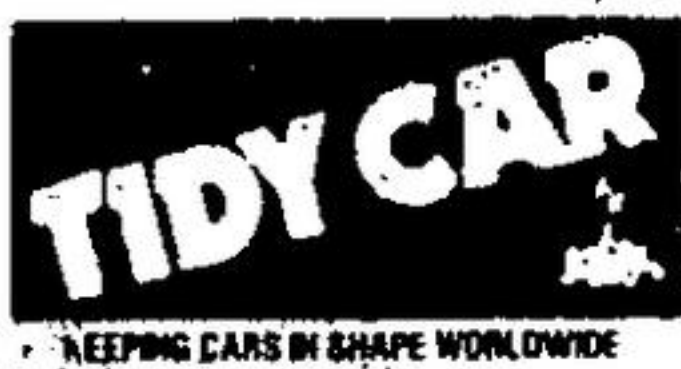
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