



Painting Sale

The Palette and Pencil Club of Georgetown held its 3rd annual Art Sale at St. George's Anglican Church on Guelph Street in Georgetown Saturday. The artists, whose work was on display, are Frank Anthony (left), Esme Nicholson, Marge Willis, Camille Egan and Shirley Brambley. (Herald photo)

GTA has "hidden agenda"

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Consultants hired by the GTA to get public input aren't really interested in getting information, Ms. Haisall said.

"They just want to say they've talked to the public. They've got a hidden agenda," she said.

That "hidden agenda" is a goal to make sure all the short-term landfill sites are channeled through the Environmental Protection Act and not the Environmental Assessment Act, she added.

Inside the meeting room, consultants and local politicians, including Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy, discussed a set of principles set down by SWISC. The GTA wants to fulfil the government's guidelines of recycling 25 per cent of the municipal waste by 1992 and 50 per cent by the year 2000.

Other "principles" set down for discussion by SWISC include:

- to use proven technology to eliminate some of the "objectional characteristics" of waste disposal under the EAA, the EPA and other legislation;
- to develop a framework for more research and development of handling solid waste;
- to locate solid waste disposal or recycling facilities in receptive communities;
- to establish collaboration between different levels of government and the private sector;
- to find an inexpensive way of disposing solid waste while taking into account the costs of protecting the environment.

Victor Rocine, a consultant with Coopers and Lybrand, said the GTA must find a way to deal with the four million tonnes of solid waste generated in the area each year.

There is one large landfill site in the GTA which currently gets 1,000 trucks a day coming through its gates, Mr. Rocine said.

Ron Anderson, a consultant with the Lura Group, hired by the GTA for the public consultation process, said consultants discussed the GTA and its objectives with POWER members during an open house earlier in the day.

Answering criticism that the GTA is another level of government not elected directly by the people, Chairman Pomeroy said the GTA consists of Regional Chairmen, many of which are elected by local councils.

Everything approved by the GTA is in the minutes, he said. The

GTA is "in no-man's land," Chairman Pomeroy said. The organization is simply going to decide whether or not to go beyond asking for expressions of interest in waste disposal systems, he said.

POWER members Len Landry and Ken McGregor criticized the proposal set down by SWISC saying the recycling levels are not high enough now and provincial legislation does not set future goals high enough.

The pair also called for mandatory recycling.

And Mr. Landry said Metro Toronto "isn't playing by the same rules" as the other four Regions in the committee because it doesn't have to name a contingency landfill site inside its own boundaries.

Told by Chairman Pomeroy that there are no sites in Metro Toronto, Mr. Landry replied: "We'll find (a site) for them."

Halton will study Peel's ban on wood

Halton Region's waste management team will study an approved wood recycling program in Peel Region and could ban wood from Halton's landfill sites as early as 1991.

Halton's waste management director John MacKay said Halton could ban wood from the Region's landfill sites after studying Peel's process over the next year. That region neighboring Halton to the west will ban wood from the waste stream as of Dec. 1 this year.

WCI Wood Conversion Inc., a Burlington company, is scheduled to open the wood conversion company on Eastern Avenue Nov. 21. Premier David Peterson is expected to show for the opening. Bill Macleod, purchasing manager for Maple Lodge Farms in Norval, will discuss the importance of a waste audit for businesses.

Mr. MacKay said wood recycling could take some of the five per cent of Halton's waste. "That's a material that can be put to better use than landfilling."

"What Halton Region will be doing is monitoring the success of the

Peel operation, which I believe is the first of its kind in Canada."

The waste management director said industrial and commercial wooden pallets or skids, are piling up at the landfill sites. These can be broken down and re-used, he said.

There are alternatives to re-using wood containers. One option is to incinerate wood. But incineration would not work at the local level because the Region does not have the equipment for high-temperature incineration needed to destroy impurities in the material, Mr. MacKay said.

Halton produces 200,000 tonnes of waste a year, with 55 per cent of that waste originating from industry and commercial businesses.

Regional taxpayers pay \$1 million a month to transport waste out of Halton Region to sites in Niagara Falls and New York state. The Region will continue to transport waste until a Milton Regional site on Highway 25 is in use. That site presently faces objections from municipal and local groups in Milton.

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