

# Ministry critiques RSI proposal

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road from the current quarry, the ministry says. The proposed landfill site is still being quarried and plans call for another huge quarry immediately to the south. The MOE says RSI hasn't correlated its own field data with its conclusions. The ministry calls that a "critical deficiency."

The ministry has also found deficiencies in the analyses of dust and odor impacts on nearby residents. The ministry says RSI has failed to consider several important potential odors.

But the ministry held back its most damaging criticisms for the socio-economic impact study. The study, prepared by consultants for RSI, "contains numerous deficiencies and fails to adequately address ministry concerns."

The socio-economic assessment "was poorly organized and very difficult to review," the MOE says.

The ministry says the literature review aspect of the study is "non-existent," telephone surveys conducted in the area are inadequate and statistical results from the surveys are "often inappropriately calculated."

And the ministry is not convinced that property values will decline by only 15 per cent with most of that recovered in a period of five years.

Finally, the ministry questions RSI's conclusions about the psychological aspects of the land-

fill site. RSI says "community stress will automatically ease once a decision on the licence has been reached."

But actual research shows "opposite conclusions," the MOE says.

## Rompin Ronnie comes to town

Sunday night, Jan. 21, the legendary Ronnie Hawkins will be playing at Club 2000 in Norval. A fixture on the southern Ontario club scene since 1958, Hawkins is currently enjoying a new vogue with the release of a set of albums on Silver Eagle Records and the publication of his extremely entertaining biography "The Last of the Good Ol' Boys" (written with Peter Goddard).

Still playing his brand of rockabilly and country, the Hawk turned 55 this month. Despite a good stash of cash (he's reportedly worth \$3 million) Hawkins still performs on the club circuit because he loves to.

A Ronnie Hawkins concert is a rocking affair, always unpredict-

table and a little wild. Hawk is well known for his colorful comments - too many of which cannot be published here. A few choice ones: Q. "Hawk, how long have you been playing rockabilly?" A. "Since the Dead Sea was only sick. Since Moby Dick was only a minnow." Q. "Do you believe in God?" (Asked by a preacher when rock was the devil's music). A. "Hell, I believe in God as much as the next man but I'm a little leery of his ground crew." And so on.

His book is full of wonderful stories, brilliant players, fascinating history. Sunday is the perfect time to see the "Legend in his Spare Time" in action, hear the music, and catch the comments as they fly.

## Karen Smith heads Ballinafad hall board

By BETTY SOJKA

Ballinafad Correspondent

A small turnout of concerned residents attended the Annual Hall Board meeting. The outgoing hall board gave the minutes of their Jan. 3 hall board meeting. Jim Bailey recounted last year's development of the ball diamond. He noted that although the field was playable for the 1990 season, some more work was needed. There was discussion over the present player bench four-foot screening be replaced with a six-foot fence, according to the recommendations passed by Erin Township council. The discussion mainly questioned whether the change was necessary.

Copies of the financial report were handed out. Questions were raised as to how the figures were arrived at. Many went away unsatisfied with the answers given.

The new hall board was elected in two stages. Five members of the audience were nominated and then elected to the board. From there the new hall board deferred from the present constitution which would have them assign positions themselves. Instead, the election for positions available was brought up from the floor. The new hall board consists of Karen Smith - chairman, Betty Sojka - vice chairman, Sue Attard - treasurer, Betty Andrews - secretary, and Gloria Buckley as recreation chairperson. Doris Topolsek (Erin Township rep.), and Alf Spence (Halton Hills council rep) also sits on the board to form a total of

seven members as per the requirements of the current constitution.

The outgoing hall board members were thanked for the work they had done over the past two years. Several that attended the meeting volunteered to serve on committees which will greatly help the new board. The meeting was adjourned, and then the new hall board held an informal meeting. An agenda was outlined for their first official meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 25. Items included establishing procedures for members to abide by, 1990 objectives, and amendments to the constitution. More news to follow after this first meeting.

The women's institute met on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Mrs. Margaret Jamieson's. For the roll call the ladies cited a place of interest in Halton or Wellington Counties, with a short description. Mrs. Grace McEnery gave the motto of "Most of us miss out on life's big prizes, but we are all eligible for life's small pleasures." Mrs. Eleanor McLean brought the Tweedsmuir book, and discussed how she would like to have it updated. Every chapter of the women's institute has a

Tweedsmuir book, which is a history book of their chapter and their community. This year all women's institutes will be working on biographies for past and present members.

As part of the program, members brought along a photo of their mother or grandmother at the age the members presently were. It was interesting to note the significant resemblance to parents as one got older. Instead of the annual euchre that was run to promote community awareness, three groups of four members have been set up to organize three activities which will replace the annual euchre.

Members of the pastoral committee are visiting different congregations to hear sermons, in the search for a full time minister. Currently there is a supply minister giving the services at the United Church.

# Government must cut spending, MP Turner says

By BEN DUMMETT  
the Herald

If the federal government expects the public to accept the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as a reasonable means of cutting the country's \$320 billion deficit, it will have to start being fair with the Canadian people, says Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner.

It's this message Mr. Turner will take back to Ottawa, he said after listening to 100 people strong say that the government must cut its own spending significantly if it expects the Canadian people to pay higher taxes, at a Town Hall meeting in Glen Williams Wednesday night.

"I don't think the government is being fair now," said Mr. Turner. It has to explain its actions and then maybe "it will get a consensus for action."

"We have to be a unified people" if the three major problems of the 1990s will be solved.

The problems Mr. Turner cited are the possibility of the country splitting, the environment and the debt.

But the audience seemed to agree that it is unwilling to accept the GST and to be more tolerant of Quebec, unless the government starts listening to the people.

"The government keeps telling us to tighten our belts, but mine's running out of notches," shouted one frustrated audience member.

"The biggest problem is that the government is tip-toeing around spending cuts," said another person. "There is far too much duplicity of programs. If you have ever tried to phone the government and gotten passed from person to person, you know what I mean."

Mr. Turner agreed saying, "we have to get tough with the civil servants." He suggested that some departments be eliminated through privatization.

But he pointed out that the cuts to VIA Rail is an example of the government doing the job followed

by the public outcry.

The cuts had to be made because the rail service was "costing too much," he said. And this is only the first of several cuts in spending the government will make.

Mr. Turner told the audience to expect the government to outline two major rounds of spending cuts in its upcoming budget to be announced in late February or early March. But there will be no tax increases in the next budget, he said. Not only will the public have to accept spending cuts but it will also have to do its part and accept GST.

The current debt situation is "unacceptable," he said. The government owes \$39 billion interest on the \$320 billion debt alone, said Mr. Turner.

He called the GST an equitable tax. "It taxes spending," and therefore, "hits those who have more money."

Mr. Turner also explained that increasing income tax instead of using the GST would act as a disincentive for people to spend.

One gentleman feared the government will eventually raise the GST, as the provincial government did with the provincial sales tax. But Mr. Turner said Finance Minister Michael Wilson has said the tax won't be increased.

The GST won't work because it didn't work in England, said another man.

But Mr. Turner said the tax was clumsily implemented by the British government. He said that Canadian GST is based on the more successful New Zealand model.



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