

February is key month for Acton dump proposal

Halton Hills residents will have to wait until the end of February to get a better idea whether or not Acton will get a landfill.

That's when provincial government's ministry of environment will release an outline of its concerns about the Reclamation Systems Incorporated's proposal to build a dump just south of Acton near Limehouse, a MOE planner told an audience of about 50 Wednesday night.

The full report is expected to be released by the end of March, Mr. Tim Sharp told those attending the general meeting of Protect Our Water and Environmental

Resources, a citizens group fighting the dump.

The minister of environment, James Bradley, will use the report to decide one of three things:

- accept the proposal;
- send the proposal to an Environmental Assessment Board public hearing, at which time POWER and the rest of the public can argue the proposal;
- ask the proponent to conduct further research on the proposal.

This third option means the minister finds key points of the proposal inadequate, said Mr. Sharp.

He expects the proposal to go

before a public hearing, and so does RSI, said Mr. Sharp.

The board has taken a very tough line on garbage disposal proposals in making sure they abide by all parts of the Environmental Assessment Act, said Mr. Sharp.

The beauty of the act is that it considers not only the technical aspects of a proposal but also all others, however remote, said Mr. Sharp.

If the dump potentially affects the water supply 20 miles away this will be taken into account, he said.

Mr. Sharp will decide if criteria RSI used to select the Acton site

over others was "rational, reasonable and logical."

He has to decide whether the chosen hard rock quarry site is the best of other alternative sites such as a heavy soil landfill site or a sand and gravel site.

About 30 reports from related review agencies including the recent MOE technical report, will be used to assess the proposal under the EAA, said Mr. Sharp.

The 68-page technical report is highly critical of seven areas of the RSI proposal including surface water impacts, ground water, site design, land use, socio-economic impacts, blasting and air quality.

Audience members expressed concern that if the RSI proposal is rejected another proponent could make a proposal for the Acton site and start the process all over again.

This possibility would depend on how much damaging evidence is in the report. There is no legal way of stopping another group from making a proposal, but if the RSI proposal is rejected, it's unlikely this would happen.

RSI has conducted extensive research so if it can't prove it is a viable site, it's unlikely another proponent could, he said.

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Halton Regional Police

District One surpasses its crime solving goals

By ALAN MACKIE
 the Herald

The 42 per cent goal for solving crimes in District One of the Halton Regional Police was not only reached, but surpassed, Staff Sergeant Mike Eacrett said.

The goal was set by the police officers early last year and at the end of the year 43.7 per cent of all of Halton Hills' and Milton's crimes were solved, Staff Sgt. Eacrett said.

statistics.

Another category, possession of stolen property, was also affected in a similar way, he said. Forty-eight cases were cleared, although only 42 cases were reported last year. The excess clearances were probably cases from 1988, he explained, although this year's statistics show over 114 per cent solved.

Seventy-five per cent of the robberies in the district were solved. Staff Sgt. Eacrett said nine of the 12 cases were cleared. Auto thefts were solved half of the time. There were 67 clearances from 131 cases.

Theft over \$1,000 produced 34 clearances from 125 cases. Staff Sgt. Eacrett said the goal for this offence was only 20 per cent, and

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Staff Sergeant MIKE EACRETT Police Commander RICHARD KIVELL

While there were no murders last year both of the attempted murders were "cleared" through the offices of District One (which includes Halton Hills and Milton), Staff Sgt. Eacrett said.

Almost 72 per cent of the sexual offences that occurred in the area were cleared, he noted. This means 28 of the 39 sexual offences were solved or suspects have been apprehended.

There were 52 assault cases last year of which 224 were cleared for almost a 90 per cent figure.

All but one of the 103 domestic assault cases were cleared, said Staff Sgt. Eacrett. He noted the one that was not cleared probably happened in late December and was or will be cleared in the new year and therefore did not make the 1989

Catholic teachers, board settle contract dispute

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board will be voting on a two-year contract that was ratified by the Halton English Teachers Catholic Association Jan. 23.

The school board will have their negotiators' recommendation to ratify the agreement when they vote on Jan. 30, Steve Balough, the board's senior administrator for human resources, said.

The teachers ratified the agreement by a vote of 62 per cent in favor and 32 per cent opposed to the contract, the association's chief negotiator Jerry Keyes said.

Mr. Keyes said the Halton catholic teachers will now be paid the same as their public school counterparts.

The agreement states a new teacher with only a university degree and no experience, will make a starting salary of \$28,231, Mr. Keyes said.

There are also salary ranges reaching up to a teacher having 12 years of experience and an upper salary limit of \$56,286, Mr. Keyes said.

The contract also states that 100

per cent of the job benefits will be paid for by the board, he added.

Specifically in the second year of the contract class sizes will be altered to a limit of 30 students in an advanced level class, 26 students in a general level class and 24 students in a basic level class, Mr. Keyes said.

The teachers will also receive an increase in pay similar to the National Consumer Price Index, Mr. Balough said.

According to Mr. Keyes, another created several committees to look at the organization of the school day.

The two-year agreement is retroactive to the beginning of this school year, Sept. 1, 1989, Mr. Keyes said.

Both negotiating teams appear to be satisfied with the contract.

Mr. Keyes noted there is obviously a large group of teachers who are not happy with it but a "majority of our teachers are happy with it."

Both negotiators noted that the board still has to approve the agreement before it goes into effect.

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