

Halton's garbage is in the hands of Supreme Court

TORONTO—All that remains is the final decision in the latest battle to find a site for Halton's garbage.

The judicial review into a Consolidated Hearings joint board decision to put the garbage in Milton was completed last week. However, a judgement from the three-member judicial panel is still pending.

There is no set time frame for the decision to be made.

Attorneys' arguments at last week's judicial review compared the choice of the Milton site to one in Burlington that was rejected by the joint board.

The main question was how to determine evidence presented to the joint board. That board conducted an 18-month hearing into the proposals for both sites.

The joint board's conclusion, made in 1988, was that the trash should go to a Milton location near Highway 25 and Britannia Road.

Eleanor Cronk, an attorney for the landowners of a possible site in Burlington, had argued the decision ignored expert evidence. She told the judicial review last week that experts had said both sites were safe.

Furthermore, she said the Burlington landowners want the landfill created at their site, located near other landfills. She said that made the site more ideal than the Milton location, which some landowners oppose.

In some cases, land may have to be expropriated if the Milton site is developed.

However, Tom Lederer, an attorney for the Region of Halton, told the judicial review last week the joint board hadn't ignore the expert evidence.

He said experts had agreed the Burlington location could be safely engineered to take the trash. But he said all the experts who testified disagreed on the type of engineering needed.

Mr. Lederer said the Consolidated Hearings board had no way to determine what type of engineering would be proper if the Burlington site had been approved.

"The board could not conclusively determine what the real state might be at (the Burlington) site," he said.

The issue of choosing a site has been unresolved for a number of years. NS P Investments Ltd., the owners of the Burlington site, first applied to create a landfill eight years ago.

In the meantime, Halton is without a landfill site. It has been sending its trash to Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls, Ont., at a cost of \$1 million per month.



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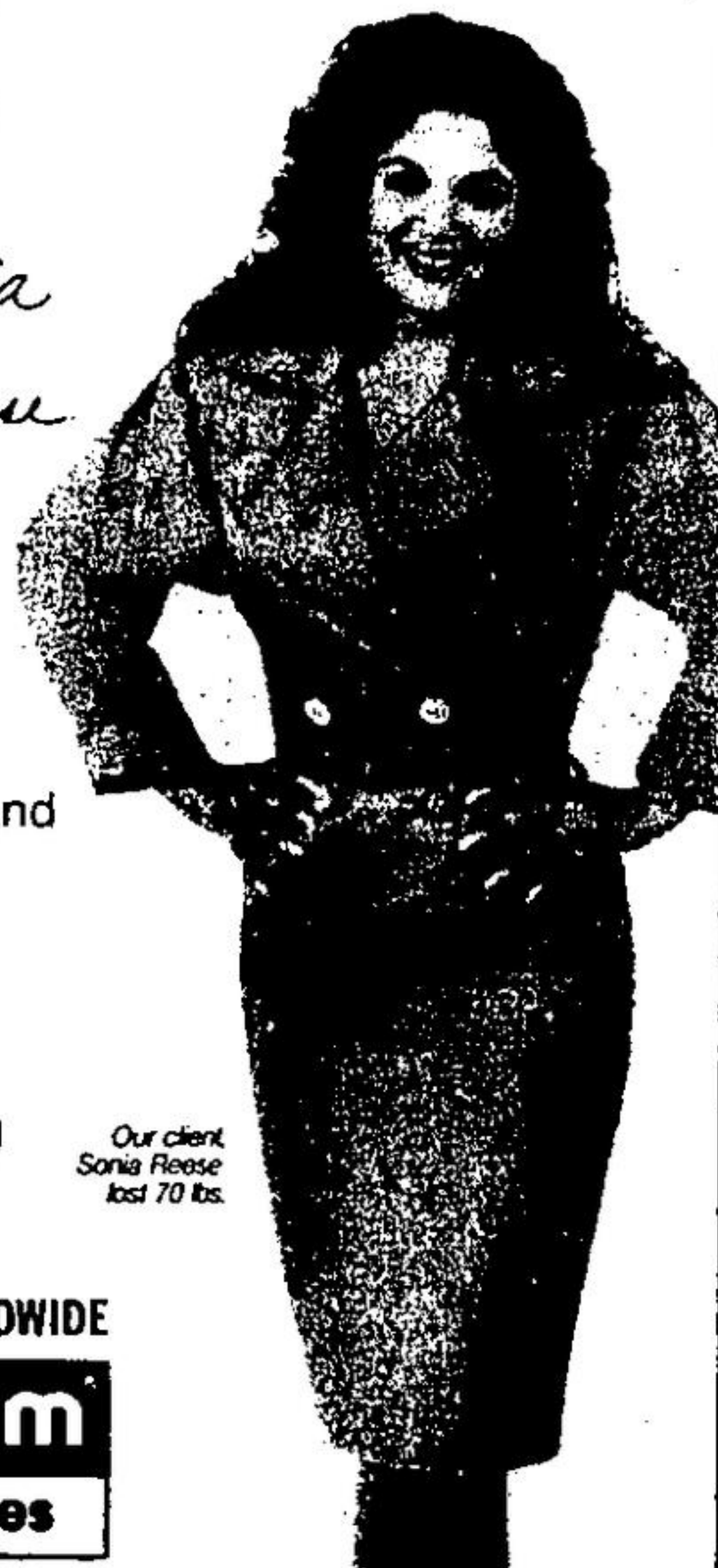
science fair in April. Here, Curtis Behnke, Laura Nicholl, Gavin Glaser and Dave Harmer take a whiff of Gavin's experiment on the sense of smell.

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