

Dufferin withdraws landfill proposal

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said maybe which would only perpetuate the problem, said Chairman Pomeroy.

This answer, explained the chairman, could have encouraged the company to spend more money on the feasibility of the quarry when council would never have accepted the idea of a landfill in the quarry.

"We (the Region) need a rest (from landfill proposals)." The long approval process of the Milton landfill scheduled to open on Highway 25 near Britannia Road in 1992 has already "driven a wedge between the community," said Chairman Pomeroy.

Local environment groups were happy with the company's decision but wary a future proposal might be made for a landfill at the site.

Len Landry of Protect Our Water Environmental Resources (POWER) told councillors: "I'm as taken aback as perhaps everyone else here is, but my feeling is what's going to happen next?"

Barbara Halsall, also of POWER, said the group would have preferred the company not said its preliminary feasibility test proves the plan to be "environmentally friendly".

"We believe the tests weren't environmentally friendly and that a landfill would pollute Milton's water supply," said Ms. Halsall.

The environmentally friendly thing to do is to turn the quarry into a reservoir in keeping with the company's original plan, she said.

Mr. Townsend said Wednesday afternoon withdrawing the proposal means the company will convert the quarry into a reservoir. But he estimates it will be about another 30 years before the quarry is exhausted and a reservoir is fully established.

Pam Sheldon, of Protect Our Water Environmental Resources 2, said in an interview Thursday that Dufferin Aggregates "did the right thing."

But the group, which was established earlier this year to fight Dufferin's proposal, is concerned the site might still be used as a landfill, said Ms. Sheldon. She speculated the Greater Toronto Area, which is currently considering solutions to solve its "garbage crisis," could use the quarry as a landfill.

But Mr. Townsend said he plans to tell the GTA that local municipalities oppose the landfill idea and the company no longer has plans to build a garbage dump.



Book sale today

Along with mom Lorraine, Andrea Willson and her brother Todd are two of this year's book sorters for the University Women's Club of Georgetown annual book sale. The club is holding their sale at Knox

Presbyterian Church today (Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds go towards scholarships for area students as well as to a number of local charities.

NEC to study landfills

Toronto - The Niagara Escarpment Commission is studying the issue of whether landfill sites should be allowed along the escarpment, says Premier David Peterson.

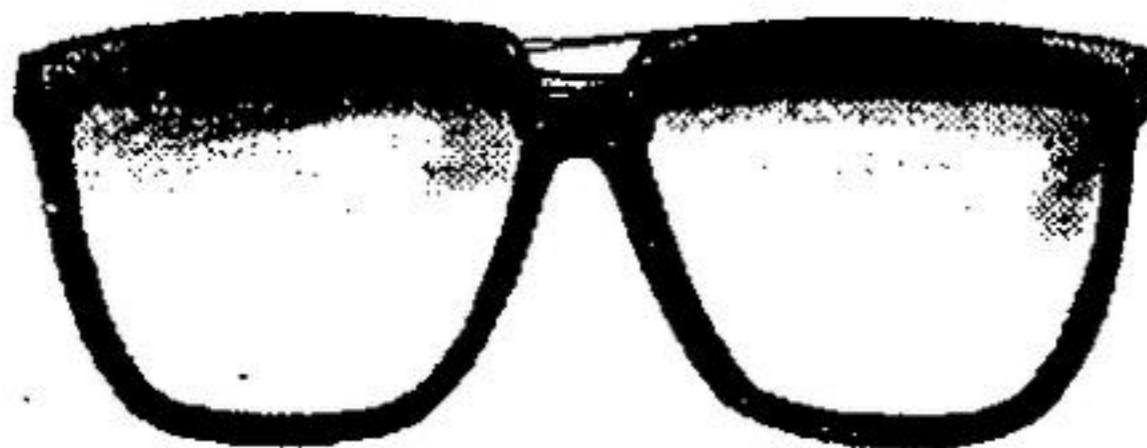
He was urged in the Ontario Legislature on April 17 by Liberal MPP Walter Elliot (Halton North) to consider an amendment to the escarpment planning and development act which would remove landfilling as an acceptable activity.

"They (the commission) are dealing with that particular issue at this very time," Mr. Peterson said. "We will want to see their advice and then, that plan, which is now under five-year review, will come back to this House for final determination."

When the escarpment was recently designated a biosphere reserve by the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization, in recognition of its unique ecological value, a hue and cry arose over proposals to fill in mined-out quarries on the perimeter with Greater Toronto Area garbage.

Mr. Peterson said only that the move had been suggested by others and he would take it "under advisement."

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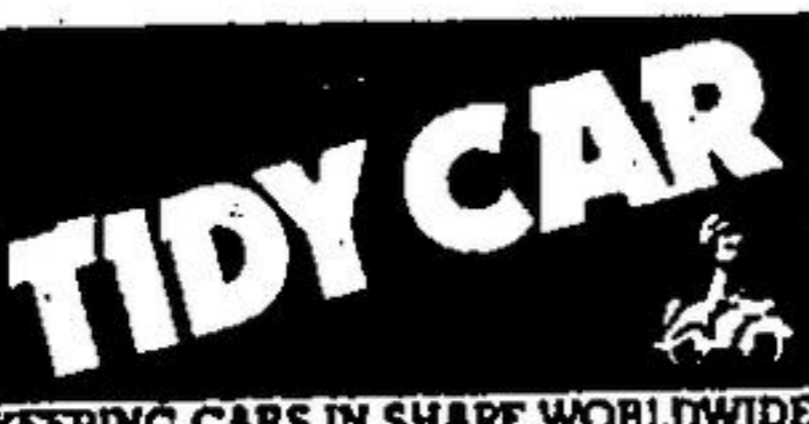
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