

GTA has looked for landfills outside Toronto

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TORONTO - The Greater Toronto Area committee reviewing solutions to the area's garbage crisis has played a minor role in Metro Toronto's proposals to create landfills in other areas, an official said Tuesday.

John Farrow, the acting chief administrative officer for SWISC (the Solid Waste Interim Steering Committee), said in an interview that most of the negotiations have been primarily independent of SWISC.

SWISC is focusing on long-term solutions and has had little involvement in plans to send garbage to landfills in such areas as Lambton County, he said.

"It's really a separate thing," he said.

Farrow said SWISC's only involvement is to ensure there are enough solutions to overcome the expected short-term problems. Metro area landfills will reach capacity by 1992, while SWISC's long-term solutions are likely to come into operation in about 1996, he said.

"SWISC's responsibility in that regard (the interim landfill proposals) is just to make sure there's enough of them to get the member regions through that period."

Farrow made his comments Tuesday following a presentation to the Ontario Waste Management Conference in Toronto.

SWISC, a committee representing the five regions of Metro, York, Durham, Halton and Peel, was created to examine solutions to the Greater Toronto Area's garbage problems. About five million

tonnes of garbage are produced annually in the Greater Toronto Area.

SWISC's search for solutions included invitations from the public and private industry to submit expressions of interest. There were 86 expressions of interest received and they were presented publicly in January.

The expressions of interest ranged from the proposed development of composting facilities to one suggestion that garbage be dumped from a plane in an area north of Sudbury.

During the past few months, Metro Toronto has been negotiating arrangements to create landfills in areas such as Lambton County. There have been fears that the Metro solutions were part of a "short-list" of the 86 expressions of interest.

But Farrow said that wasn't the case.

"In my mind it's quite clear that they're different processes."

Farrow said SWISC is looking at various solutions that include landfills. However, he said other solutions such as composting are also being considered.

Test projects for some proposed ideas for diverting waste are being developed and the terms of reference for those tests will likely be announced in the fall, he said. SWISC hasn't determined where the tests will be conducted.

The idea of testing various proposals for diverting garbage from landfills, he said, is to determine which are the most practical.

"Everybody's an advocate of one system or the other. Frankly, one of the things I have to try and sort through is which systems in reality are the best ones."



Charity Burgers

M and M Meat Shops, 211 Guelph Street, Georgetown, held a charity burger day Saturday with all proceeds going to the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis. A burger and a drink sold for the almost unheard-of price of \$1.00, and pictured above,

(from left) Andy Jackman, husband of M and M Meat Shops employee Agnes Jackman, lends a hand as Councillor Gerald Rennie serves burgers to an apparently ravenous gathering. (Herald photo)

Board of Education

Best person will get the job

Despite new employment equity standards approved by the Halton Board of Education, the best applicant will get the job, says Halton Hills trustee, Dick Howitt.

Approved by the board Thursday night, the Staff Resources Policy's objectives are to ensure employment pertaining to race, origin, sex, sexual orientation, age and handicaps.

The Halton Board of Education has been identified as an Equal Opportunity Employer in regards to hiring, promotion and evaluation practices. The policy is an updated version from a human resources policy approved by the board in 1987.

However, the new policy does not stipulate there must be representatives from each race, sex or handicap, said Mr. Howitt.

He believes an applicant's abilities and qualifications will always preside over color, sex or handicap. "If a woman is best qualified then she is the person for the job," he said.

The employment equity stipulations in the new resources policy adds no extra pressure to hire an applicant because there is not equal representation in schools.

Mr. Howitt admitted he has seen other institutions hire applicants on the basis of sex or creed to satisfy employment equity standards. However, he said he would hate to see the same philosophy practised in Halton.

There are many women in high positions in Georgetown high schools and elementary schools, said Mr. Howitt. For example,

George Kennedy Elementary School's principal is Carol Matheson and Arlene Callaghan is the principal of Joseph Gibbons Elementary School.

The resources policy, presented to the board by Superintendent of Instructional Services, Joanne Zywine, is also committed to maintaining a safe and productive working environment.

Supportive and positive relationships with staff is necessary to build consensus and to create a harassment free environment, the resource policy says.

Picnic for Harmony

Several organizations have pooled their resources to hold a picnic fundraising event for Harmony Bull.

Harmony was seriously injured in a May 26 car accident which claimed the lives of her mother Sheila and her sister, Amanda.

She is currently in Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

The Blue Fins Swim Team, Cheri Lindsay's Dance Studio and Work That Body are organizing a picnic to raise money for Harmony's medical bills July 1 at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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