

# Orangeville could pay Region to use Leferink station

By LISA RUTLEDGE  
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Since Halton Region has pumped funds into the Leferink Transfer Station, Regional council could ask the Town of Orangeville to share those costs if it enters into a contract with the Halton Hills transfer site.

Regional Council has requested Public Works complete a financial report detailing the amount the Region has invested in the Leferink station, before deciding

the amount to ask Orangeville to share.

Regional councillors insist Halton deserves some payment if Leferink Transfer Limited enters a contract to store Orangeville's solid waste en route to U.S. landfill sites.

Burlington Regional Councillor, Joyce Savoline, said government subsidies are not what they used to be and "Leferink will be making a substantial amount of money on this project."

Twenty trucks could be passing through Halton Hills from Orangeville daily during the transporting of 60 tonnes of solid waste to Leferink. Halton will have to continue fixing damaged roads, she said.

Oakville Regional Councillor John Graham inquired about the possibility of finding reciprocal arrangements with Orangeville. "What's Orangeville offering?" he asked of John Tuppling, an Orangeville Public Works Depart-

ment employee who went before the council Wednesday.

However, Mr. Tuppling declined to indicate any possibility of Orangeville entering a payback deal with Halton Region.

Orangeville should be contributing to Halton's capital expenditure funds to allow the Region to recover costs, said Halton Hills Councillor, Marilyn Serjeantson. She said in some form Halton would be subsidizing Orangeville's waste expenditures. Regional

Treasurer, Joe Rinaldo, told council it would be appropriate to recover some of those costs.

In a letter to the Region's Chief Administrative Officer, John Fleming, Mr. Tuppling detailed Orangeville's difficulty in finding a disposal site once the Innisfil site extension ends in mid-September. Orangeville currently uses the Innisfil site.

Beginning November, 1988, Orangeville has attempted to

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## Local candidates go head-to-head on the environment

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The environment was the topic at the first of four North Halton riding all-candidates debates at Sacre Coeur Hall in Georgetown Tuesday, and not surprisingly none of the six candidates came out in favor of more dumps and increased toxic emissions into the air.

As Progressive Conservative candidate Dave Whiting told the audience of approximately 150 people, increased protection of the environment is critically important to all people, so "you are not going to hear a lot of different opinions tonight. No one is going to support allowing more toxins into the air. The question, therefore, is which of the six candidates will do the most as the riding's provincial representative to ensure the environment is protected."

None of the candidates received the loudest show of support. Instead, it was an audience member who asked each of the six "who will look out for our interests without us having to do all the groundwork?"

The six candidates running locally are Liberal incumbent Walt Elliot, Progressive Conservative Dave Whiting, New Democrat Noel Duignan, Family Coalition Party candidate Giuseppe Gori, Green Party candidate Patricia Kammerer and Libertarian John Shadbolt.

In response to the question, Mr. Whiting called it the predominant issue of the campaign. The issue of accountability comes down to faith, said Mr. Whiting. He urged voters it was time to put their faith in someone else.

Ms. Kammerer said she would continue fighting the misuse of tax money. In order to improve the system it first must be weakened and that only comes once the status quo is defeated, she explained.

Mr. Gori would reduce government bureaucracy in order to make politicians more accountable for their actions. That means no more garbage on the escarpment, Mr. Gori told the audience. This stance was echoed by the other five candidates.

Mr. Elliot used the fact that he

ran three times before winning office as an example as proof he is the appropriate candidate - someone who is in it for the "long haul."

Mr. Duignan said he would be held accountable more so than the other candidates, pointing to the fact his party would immediately pass an environment bill of rights giving the right to any person to intervene against polluters, if the government of the day fails to stop them.

Mr. Shadbolt echoed many of the comments made by the other candidates, but stressed before any decision can be made, both sides of the issue must be considered.

On the issue of Energy From Waste plants - incineration - all of the candidates except Mr. Elliot and Mr. Shadbolt outright opposed them. Mr. Elliot said incineration should be eliminated in the long term, but in the short term it is a viable option as long as the technology is proven to be completely safe.

Mr. Shadbolt wouldn't commit either way on EFW plants, saying their use should be ruled out only when an alternative is found.

Mr. Whiting, in opposing EFW plants, contradicted a statement he made late last week supporting EFW plants as being better than landfills. EFW plants have been proven to be a safe technology in other parts of the world, he said last week.

But in defending his turnaround, Mr. Whiting said he has up to date information showing that EFW plants, no matter how sophisticated, will still emit toxins.

During the debate, Protect Our Water Environmental Resources, (POWER) - the debate's sponsor - spokesman John Minns did an environmental report card of each candidate.

On the question of toxic waste, all six candidates support zero discharge of toxic chemicals by the year 2000. As well, all would ban the use of chlorine in the pulp and paper industry. But Mr. Elliot, Mr. Whiting and Mr. Shadbolt said they would have to be phased out so that the industry could adjust to the change. Mr. Gori, Mr. Duignan



Halton North provincial candidates NDP Noel Duignan, (far left), FCP Giuseppe Gori, PC Dave Whiting and Libertarian John Shadbolt (far right), appear to be deep in thought during Tuesday's all-candidate's meeting in Georgetown, while Green

Party candidate Patricia Kammerer and Liberal Walt Elliot focus their attention at the evening's monitor, John Minns, (not seen in photo). (Herald photo)

and Ms. Kammerer said chlorine should be eliminated immediately. The chemical is only used to whiten paper, they argued.

All of the candidates except Mr. Shadbolt said no new nuclear power plants should be built in Ontario. Mr. Shadbolt said he couldn't make a decision until he had information on alternative energy, arguing the province needs power.

All agreed to ban ozone producing CFCs as well as banning the emission of chemicals into the air. They also supported improved energy efficiency standards. Mr. Gori was the most vocal on this issue, saying the automobile industry should be forced to produce more methane-operated cars. All of the candidates except Mr. Elliot and Mr. Shadbolt would freeze the amount of logging in Ontario. Mr. Elliot argued the province's forests are a renewable resource. If the forests are managed well, the logging industry can operate indefinitely. Mr. Shadbolt argued technology will someday eliminate the need for forests as a source of paper.

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The strong presence by the local environmental group Incineration Counteracts the Environment, (I.C.E.), forces local provincial candidate hopefuls to state their position on EFW plants and other environmental issues during Tuesday's all-candidates meeting.

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