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NDP accused of flip-flopping on policy

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Local environmental group Incineration Counteracts the Environment (ICE) along with several other environmental groups from across the province marched in Toronto Monday to protest the governing New Democratic Party's apparent flip-flop on the issue of garbage incineration.

ICE member Diane Vandevalk said in an interview before heading down to Toronto the government's position on municipal garbage incineration before the election is opposite to current policy.

In a letter obtained by the Herald signed by Premier Bob Rae and dated Aug. 14 it is indicated the NDP supports an immediate ban on municipal garbage incineration. Yet another letter sent to ICE signed by Mr. Rae and dated Nov. 20 states in-

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Willow Park deadline nears

By BEN DUMMETT The Herald

Faced with eviction in less than three months and no place to go, the residents of Norval's Willow Park off Highway 7, with the support of several Halton Hills councillors, are looking to the province in a last ditch effort for below

"I'm hopeful the province can do something," said the Chairperson of the Willow Park Community Association, Helen Croft, following a Willow Park Relocation Committee meeting at the Town Civic Centre last Thursday.

Approximately 50 of the park's residents attended the meeting

and heard their provincial representative, NDP Noel Duignan, initially state he didn't know how the province could help the residents find alternative housing before the eviction date of May 15.

He did say, however, he would set up a meeting between the residents, Town Council and the province's Ministry of Housing to determine if a solution could be found.

Mr. Duignan made the comment after a dejected Town Mayor Russ Miller told the audience the undeserved stigma against mobile home parks in Halton Hills rules out any Continued on Page 4



It's milk and cookie time for students like Mathew Moore (left) and Colleen Cater (centre) at Joseph-Gibbons Public School in Georgetown which is promoting nutrition with Halton Hills' first milk program. Principal Arlene Callaghan (right) says the

project is very successful at the school and is environmentally conscious since the milk cooler, on loan from the Halton Milk Committee, and the unwrapped cookies, cut down on waste. (Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

\$10,000 fine levied against M.M.G. Ltd.

Toronto based M.M.G. Ltd. owner of Barber Mills property on River Drive in Georgetown, received the maximum fine - \$10,000 - Thursday by a Milton court judge for failing to comply with a Town issued property standards order.

According to Town Property Standards Bylaw Officer Ron Stein, the fine was issued in response to the company's refusal to clean the Barber Mills property - a site Mr. Stein described as hazardous to the general public.

The company refused to clean up the site despite several requests to do so, said Mr. Stein. He said M.M.G. Ltd. had no representative present at the hearing. The company has 30 days to appeal the decision. Failing that the company is obligated to pay the \$10,000' to the Town through the court, explained Mr. Stein.

The ensure safety on the site the Town boarded up the property late last year and added the cost to the company's property taxes, said Mr. Stein.

Town Bylaw Enforcement and Licencing Officer Bob Ustrzycki said the Town has several options if the company fails to pay the fine assuming it doesn't appeal the court decision.

These include petitioning the court to order a bailiff to confiscate company property valued at the amount of the fine; issuing further fines or taking no action. Mr. Ustrzycki ruled out the last possibility saying something will be done if the fine isn't paid, but what action is taken will be a council decision.

Mr. Ustrzycki predicted it will only be a matter of time until the Town will be forced to once again board up the deserted buildings. "It won't be long before the buildings are vandalized and someone is killed," he said.

The company could not be reached for comment at press time.

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Public school milk program promotes healthy lifestyle

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT The Herald

Milk and cookies usually aren't associated with better learning but the principal at Joseph Gibbons Public School in Georgetown says their milk program is doing just that.

"I've seen kids come to school eating a bag of potato chips for their breakfast and by midmorning, these kids just crash," said Arlene Callaghan. "Children must have a certain amount of protein to help them learn and our milk and cookies help to sustain them through the morning learning period."

The milk program really got into swing in October when the school decided to sell glasses of milk for 30 cents and oatmeal cookies from the Terra Cotta Cookie Company for 30 cents. This is done during the morning recess and lunch time.

Aside from the nutritional value and energy factor that is helping students stay alert and interested in their morning studies, the project is environmentally friendly.

Realizing the waste single milk cartons can produce, Ms. Callaghan decided to speak to the local milk committee and see if she could borrow the large milk coolers the committee uses to serve and promote milk at fairs and meetings.

Seeing a chance to promote the milk industry and make use of a cooler that is largely not operational during winter time, the milk committee agreed to loan the cooler to the school. The school was to decide if the project was successful enough to warranty buying their own \$1,100 to \$1,600 cooler. The Halton Milk Committee only owns one milk

As well, students use reusable cups to drink the milk which cuts down on waste. The cups are then washed in the school dishwasher and Ms. Callaghan finds the system very sanitary and workable.

Even the cookies help to reduce waste since they are bought in bulk and are not individually wrapped.

So far, over a third of the students at the school take part in the program and milk sales have increased from seven litres to 40 to 50 litres weekly.

Ms. Callaghan expects milk sales to continue to rise since the

Ontario Milk Marketing Board, based in Mississauga, is promoting milk consumption in school by offering incentives.

Prices include milk T-shirts, milk notebooks and erasers, sharpeners, magnets, pencils and bookmarks all bearing the milk logo and slogan 'Give the Job to Milk.'

As sales continue to increase, the school has been able to subsidize milk and cookie costs to those families who can't afford to have their children in the program. At present, about half-adozen families are subsidized said Ms. Callaghan.

She will be taking her enthusiasm about the project to other area teachers and principals to encourage their schools to engage in similar programs.

But for now, students at Joseph-Gibbons are drinking their way to a healthier lifestyle; helping maintain the energy for learning, and doing it in such a way that it's environmentally conscious.

Theatre tickets contest

The Halton Hills Herald, in conjunction with Georgetown Little Theatre Productions Inc., is running a contest with lucky draw winners claiming a pair of tickets to performances Feb. 22 and Feb. 27 of the upcoming GLT production '84 Charing Cross Road'.

Simply find the '84' graphic hidden in the Herald and fill out a ballot. For further contest details please turn to page 20.

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