

# Community

## ICE plans on continuing protest of NDP policy



Protestors who oppose the government's handling of the Metro Toronto waste issue include Colleen Cooney, seated, and (standing, from left) Bill Cooney of Orillia, Brooke Bell of Toronto and Rita Landry of Georgetown. (Photo by Rob Savage)

Local environmental group Incineration Counteracts the Environment (ICE) will continue to lobby the provincial NDP government until the government publicly opposes municipal garbage incineration.

The provincial government's current down the middle approach to the incineration issue isn't good enough, says ICE member, Diane van de Valk.

Until the government says no to incineration, Halton Region will continue to investigate the possibilities of establishing an in-

cineration site in Halton, she said. The Region is required to investigate incineration proposals as a condition of receiving provincial approval to build a land-fill site.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae issued an apology earlier this week in response to a letter sent to an Orillia-based environmental group indicating the province supported incineration.

The apology, dated Feb. 11, states the government is currently reviewing the suitability of incineration in the province.

ICE opposes municipal garbage incineration because it's not compatible with the 3Rs - reduce, reuse and recycle - and composting. As well, the residue ash is highly toxic as are the atmospheric emission, said Ms. van de Valk.

ICE finds the apology inadequate because the government is not abiding by its election campaign promise.

### Electricity consumption remains the same

Although Ontario Hydro reports electricity consumption across the province dropped for the first time in seven years, the same can't be said for local electricity consumption.

According to an Ontario Hydro press release, electricity consumption in the province declined 2.8 per cent last year. Previously, Ontario says consumption had grown yearly from 1983 to 1989.

In Halton Hills, however, people used virtually the same amount of electricity last year as they did in 1989, said Halton Hills Hydro Engineering Supervisor Dan Guatto in an interview Thursday. In comparison, town residents used 3.3 per cent more electricity between 1988 and 1989, he said.

Ontario Hydro attributed the drop in consumption to the current recession, strikes in the industrial sector, a milder winter and cooler summer and successful energy efficiency programs.

Mr. Guatto explained he's not surprised Halton Hills electricity consumption remained static in 1990. "We don't have as much industry as Toronto or Mississauga," he said. He thinks

the recession and the accompanying slowdown in industrial production is a major reason for the overall electricity consumption drop in Ontario.

Mr. Guatto predicted people shouldn't expect decreases in electricity consumption in the future in Halton Hills.

"We (Halton Hills) are set to grow" and with growth comes higher usage of electricity, he explained. He qualified his prediction saying, "It's too early to tell the effect conservation programs are having on the consumer."

### NEC hearing resumes in April

No decision has yet been made on the fate of a Niagara Escarpment Commission amendment that calls for a ban on waste disposal sites on the escarpment.

NEC Senior Planner Marion Plaunt faced questioning Wednesday at the Halton Hills Civic Centre during a hearing on Amendment 52. Ms. Plaunt said after the hearing lawyers for the City of St. Catharines and the City of Niagara Falls questioned her on the process the NEC followed to develop the amendment and the commission's justification for it.

The lawyers argued the NEC was incorrect in making changes to the amendment after it had been circulated to various agencies for comments on how the amendment could be improved, said Ms. Plaunt.

The line of questioning showed

the lawyers misunderstand the process more than anything else, said Ms. Plaunt.

Ms. Plaunt said the NEC justified the amendment on the basis that a landfill doesn't represent a good type of land use given the Niagara Escarpment Act, she said. Landfills are not conducive to the commission's mandate to maintain the escarpment as a natural environment, she explained.

If the amendment is approved, applicants wanting to establish a waste disposal site on the escarpment would first be required to obtain an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Currently, an amendment isn't always required.

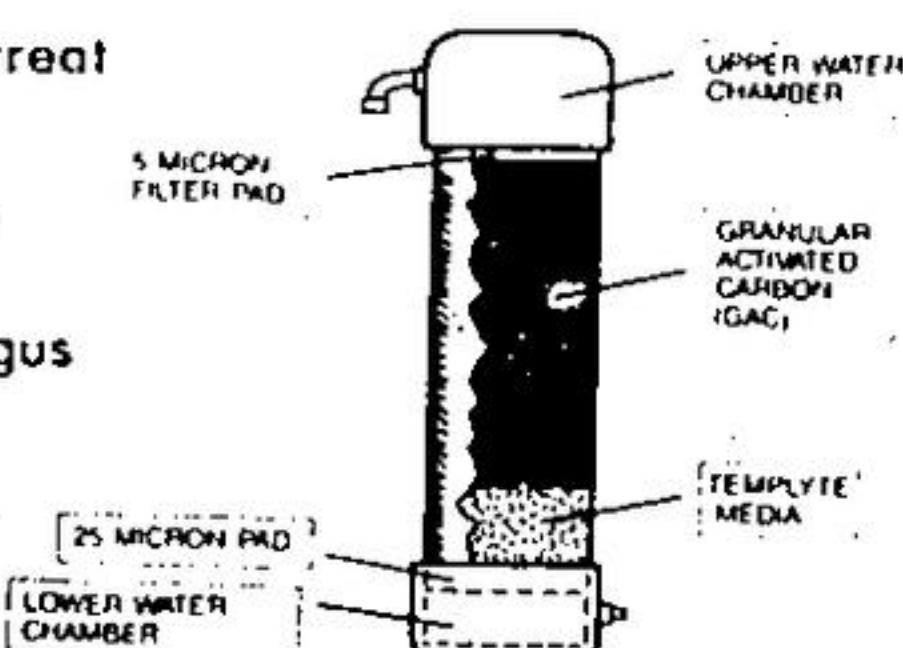
The hearing is set to reconvene April 10. On April 15 citizens will be permitted to make comments on the amendment.

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