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## Mixed reaction to dump decree

Local reaction appears to be mixed to the announcement made by Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Ruth Grier, Tuesday in Toronto, on dump sites in Halton and the rest of the Greater Toronto Area.

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER) President Barbara Halsall and Incineration Counteracts the Environment (I.C.E.) member Rita Landry both said Wednesday they support the minister's decision to exempt Halton from providing waste disposal sites for the Greater Toronto Area.

They also concur that Ms. Grier is headed in the right direction when she states "waste must be disposed of as close to the source of generation as possible."

"This is a good thing," said Ms. Halsall. She explained that the closer the disposal site is to the source of garbage, the greater the incentive for people in that area to reduce the amount of garbage they produce.

The two environmentalists are worried, however, that the Acton dump site proposal located just south of Highway 25 could still be used by the province as an interim site to dump garbage.

Halton's exemption from providing disposal sites for the GTA coincides with the province's attempt to find enough landfill capacity to last the GTA "many years," according to Ms. Grier's announcement.

But Ms. Grier also said if existing GTA landfill sites reach capacity before the new long term sites can be found, interim dumps may be required.

Ms. Halsall is worried if the Acton dump proposal receives provincial approval, which could possibly happen sometime this year, the site could be used as an interim site.

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said yesterday he interpreted Ms. Grier's announcement as implying the province wouldn't use the Acton dump, if approved, as an interim landfill site.

However, he did say Ms. Grier's announcement didn't prevent the proposal's applicant, Milton-based Reclamations Systems Incorporated, from carrying on with its attempt to get the site provincially approved.

Chairman Pomeroy said he looked forward to Ms. Grier's appearance at the Regional Chairman's Workshop tomorrow (Saturday) in Oakville to confirm his interpretation of Ms. Grier's announcement.

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## Poor Anne

Waiting forlornly for her foster parents to pick her up at the train station is Anne, (played by Roanne Soanes), main character in the popular play, Anne of Green Gables, being presented by Stewartton Public School students at the John Elliott Theatre in Halton Hill's Cultural Centre on Church Street in Georgetown from April 9-11. For story and more pictures please see Page 14. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

## 'Jolly Green Giant'

Believe it or not, the Halton Region Administration Building in Oakville is known as the home of the "Jolly Green Giant."

That's according to Milton Regional Councillor Bill Johnson who was responding to a Regional council debate Wednesday on what color the exterior of the Regional Council Chambers should be painted.

Before going any further, it should be realized the Halton Region Administration Building is the equivalent to the Halton Hills Civic Centre but for all of Halton Region.

As part of the ongoing expansion of the Administration

Building, Council had to decide whether the new Council Chamber exterior should be repainted green, or grey.

Coun. Johnson's claim was a sign of his frustration with a debate he couldn't understand was happening in the first place. "Who cares what color it is. I'm more worried that the construction is done properly," Coun. Johnson lamented.

Needless to state council ended up voting for the existing green color.

The majority of councillors supported the idea that green represented the building's heritage and therefore should be retained.

## Limehouse shutdown "no big deal"

By BEN DUMMETT  
The Herald

The transfer of the privately operated postal station in Limehouse is no big deal, said Marion Vito co-owner of Vito's Market on Highway 7 and the Limehouse postal station operator before it was moved northward late last month.

"It's really nothing," said Ms. Vito, Wednesday, in response to Canada Post moving the service to Acton.

The postal service as operated out of Vito's, handled packages that needed a signature before they could be left at the addressed residence. If no one was home to sign for the package it was dropped off at Vito's to be picked up at a later date.

Ms. Vito said the store never dealt with many packages at a time.

The store gave up the service, at the end of March because the paper work associated with the job was too much to justify the continuation of the service, explained Ms. Vito.

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner, however, is extremely upset with Canada Post's handling of the transfer.

In a letter addressed to Canada Post Corporation President Don Lander, Mr. Turner writes, "the closure of Limehouse Postal service runs counter to the corporation's publicly stated position that postal service in rural Canada will be enhanced, not lessened." He goes on to say "no effective notice whatsoever was given to these residents. That, as well, is counter to the Corporation's stated operating procedures."

Mr. Turner points out the owners of Vito's informed Canada Post Feb. 20 they would no longer provide postal service effective at the end of March. But the corporation only informed Limehouse residents Mar. 22 that service for "call for items" would be transferred to Acton starting Mar. 25. He also writes he only found out about the change in location Mar. 26.

Contacted Tuesday, Canada Post spokesperson Chris Bartsch, explained people weren't told



Garth Turner

about the relocation of the service until it was determined there was no other location in Limehouse that could take over the service.

In his letter, Mr. Turner indicates he was told by a Canada Post Official the delay in public notification resulted from the time needed to translate the notice into French.

Mr. Bartsch said he couldn't confirm this explanation.

Mr. Turner writes in his letter, "I am not aware of anyone in Limehouse who speaks French as a first language, so delaying community notice for translation was inappropriate."

Mr. Bartsch said all public notification must be done in English and French in accordance with Canada Post policy.

Mr. Turner also objected to the Limehouse service being relocated to Acton. "It is inconsistent with your commitment to good postal service to require Limehouse residents to drive to Acton to get their mail, when the community is much closer to Georgetown."

Mr. Bartsch said all Limehouse mail emanates out of Acton. It makes more sense therefore to have people drive to Acton than to transfer the Limehouse mail to Georgetown and have residents pick it up there, he explained.

## Region in good shape

Despite the recession, Halton is in good financial shape, Halton Hills Regional Councillor and Administration and Finance committee member, Pam Johnston, told Regional council Wednesday.

To prove her point, Coun. Johnston compared Halton's debt situation in 1990 with that in 1983.

She told council the amount of money Halton paid to its debt as a percentage of the Region's total revenue in 1983 was 16 per cent. That percentage was only 9.2 per cent last year, said the councillor.

Coun. Johnston said only six cents of every Regional dollar goes towards paying off Halton's debt - a figure that is significantly lower than it was in 1983, she said. Halton's current debt amounts to \$176.70 per person in the Region, pointed out Coun. Johnston. The Region's population is approximately 270,000 people.

## Spring Ahead



Residents of Halton Hills should be aware and ready to 'Spring Ahead' this weekend, as Daylight Saving time takes over once again. The woe-betiders among us will lament that we will lose an hour of sleep.

Daylight Saving time officially kicks in at 2 a.m. Sunday morning, when all clocks should be moved an hour ahead.

Just to be on the safe side, however, for those who get under the covers early, move your clocks ahead before you go to bed.