

# Community

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Catharines despite state of the art engineering, Ms. Halsall says no matter what action is taken a landfill will eventually leak.

The fact is acknowledged by hydrogeologists across North America, said Halsall. A hydrogeologist is a specialist in determining the effects of landfills on surrounding ground water systems.

The province has started a five-year program to restock the Credit River with Atlantic Salmon, said Ms. Halsall. "It doesn't make sense then to support a project that could contaminate one of the river's tributaries."

Although the Approvals branch report says engineering could make the landfill safe, the report also indicates that the quarry's proponent, Milton's Reclamations Systems Incorporated, "did not incorporate a minimum standard for hydrogeological acceptability into the study. This is considered to be a weakness in the proponents environmental assessment of the site."

Objections raised in the approval branch's report include the fact the branch doesn't agree with the proponent's assertion that there is necessarily a need for the proponent to provide landfill capacity at the Acton quarry.

The report suggests that instead of attempting to use the quarry as a landfill, the alternative of doing nothing with the quarry could be considered.

These assertions are qualified by the report that states it's not for the Approvals branch to pass definitive judgement on the issue of the quarry being used for

something other than a dump.

Although Ms. Halsall said the suggestions in the report concerning alternatives are positive they don't carry much weight. It's just an example of passing the buck off to someone else, she said.

The Approvals branch is just one of several agencies including the Ministry of Natural Resources, Halton Region and the Town of Halton Hills that will comment on the proponents environmental assessment of the project.

Once all the reports have been completed, they will become part of a comprehensive report to be published by the MOE's Environmental Assessment Branch. Once this document is completed, it will be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Ruth Grier, for review.

RSI president Walter Graziani said Wednesday he wasn't surprised with the Approval branch's findings.

Mr. Graziani said the engineering work is no different than that being done by Halton Region to build the Regional landfill in Milton. In addition, he said, some of the work Halton Region must do to re-direct water flows into the Region dump is provided for at the Acton quarry site by natural features.

Asked why RSI doesn't choose to leave the quarry site as is, he said this action wouldn't make sense.

The feasibility study RSI did in 1986 showed the quarry would be a good location for a landfill therefore it only makes sense to try to build a landfill since the province needs more landfill space, he explained.

## Georgetown/Halton Hills Notes & News Lions Club thanked

By KATHI HULL  
Herald Special

On behalf of the Georgetown/Halton Hills chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association we would like to thank and acknowledge the Georgetown Lions Club for their wholehearted support in the forming of the Georgetown/Halton Hills chapter. Without the support of the Lions Club, the Georgetown chapter would still be a dream. A huge thankyou is extended to the Lions Club. The town will benefit many times over.

The Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) is preparing for its 20th annual sweepstakes drawing. The provincial drawing on June 27, 1991 offers \$75,000 in prizes and provides for programs sponsored by the CDA. Essential programs such as summer camps for children with diabetes, diabetic youth support programs, and local community programs are just a few projects that depend on your support. Tickets are \$2.00 apiece and members of the local CDA will have these available for sale. Tickets can be

purchased, or books can be picked up by those interested in helping sell them, by calling Lisa at the phone number listed below.

Linda Dawson and Karen Bottomley, dietitians at Georgetown and District Hospital, will be speakers at our next meeting. They will be very informative and interesting and speak on "The mystery of labelling in the '90's." The meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall (behind the old arena). Time permitting, a short meeting will be held to discuss such items as a mission statement for this chapter. The executive slate has not been completely filled and the chapter welcomes any volunteers for these positions. Any interested persons are asked to let Lisa Burrows (president) know.

Anyone wishing more information regarding the Georgetown/Halton Hills Chapter, sweepstakes, or executive positions, can call Lisa at 873-4057. If Lisa is unavailable, please leave a message so she can get back to you.

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