

Natural Resources report a boon to environmentalists

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Efforts by local environmental group Protect Our Water Environmental Resources, (P.O.W.E.R.), to stop the Acton dump proposal from receiving provincial Ministry of Environment approval have been bolstered by Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources.

According to an MNR report the Environmental Assessment in support of building a safe landfill "is unacceptable because of the serious implications the proposal will have upon the fisheries habitat and aquatic environment of Black Creek."

Milton-based Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI) is the company behind the application to build a dump in the Acton quarry located south of Highway 25.

The MNR's report is just one of several by agencies such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Environment on RSI's environmental assessment of the dump application.

Contacted Monday, P.O.W.E.R. president Barbara Halsall said, "it (the report) is saying what P.O.W.E.R. has always said - the dump would be unsafe for the fish habitat. We highlighted this issue and others in 1988," she added.

Although the report indicates additional documents to RSI's original environmental assessment show the company has made significant efforts to address the fisheries issues, the MNR still has concerns about the

proposal.

The concerns all pertain to water quality and the potential harmful effects the dump could have on area fisheries. Only when RSI can address these issues to the satisfaction of the MNR will the ministry consider supporting the proposal, the report indicates.

RSI President Walter Graziani not surprisingly said he believes the MNR assessment of the proposal is incorrect. He takes this position on the basis the MNR hasn't provided any information to prove RSI's environmental assessment lacks necessary information.

Mr. Graziani expressed surprise the MNR would state in one part of the report it finds RSI's assessment unacceptable and in another part indicate the company has addressed most of MNR's concerns.

The MNR document also goes on to indicate the ministry has concerns with the methodology RSI used to choose the Acton quarry for a dump site.

"The ministry cannot agree with several of the assumptions used in the analysis and selection of alternatives to the undertaking - all impacts upon the environment are mitigatable; quarry sites are a preferred location for landfills in a generic sense."

Ms. Halsall interprets this phrase to mean the MNR believes RSI should never have considered the Acton quarry as a location for a landfill.

Mr. Graziani, however, believes the Ministry's comments are irrelevant to the RSI application.

The comment has nothing to do with the technical analysis done by RSI on the viability of a landfill being established in the Acton Quarry, he said.

Ministry of Environment Planner Tim Sharp, who is the Review

Coordinator for the provincial government concerning the RSI application, said the MNR report has been incorporated into his comprehensive review of the application.

Mr. Sharp said his review is

now before Environment Minister Ruth Grier and she is expected in the near future to call a 30-day public review period. During this period the public will have an opportunity to comment on the application.



Sayonara to Georgetown

Japanese students bid farewell to their host families with music and entertainment during a 'Sayonara Party' at Georgetown District High School Thursday for those involved in this summer's exchange program. A total of 15 students from Japan took part in this three week exchange which ended with the party. (Herald photo)

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Other activities will include a corn roast, free balloons, live entertainment by the Buskers, sales, and Twisty the Clown doing his famous balloon sculpturing.

Those attending this event are asked to make a food donation to the "Penniesworth's Pyramid of Food" with donations going to Georgetown's Love and Christ Food bank.

For more information on the 'Moonlight Madness' call 873-4970.



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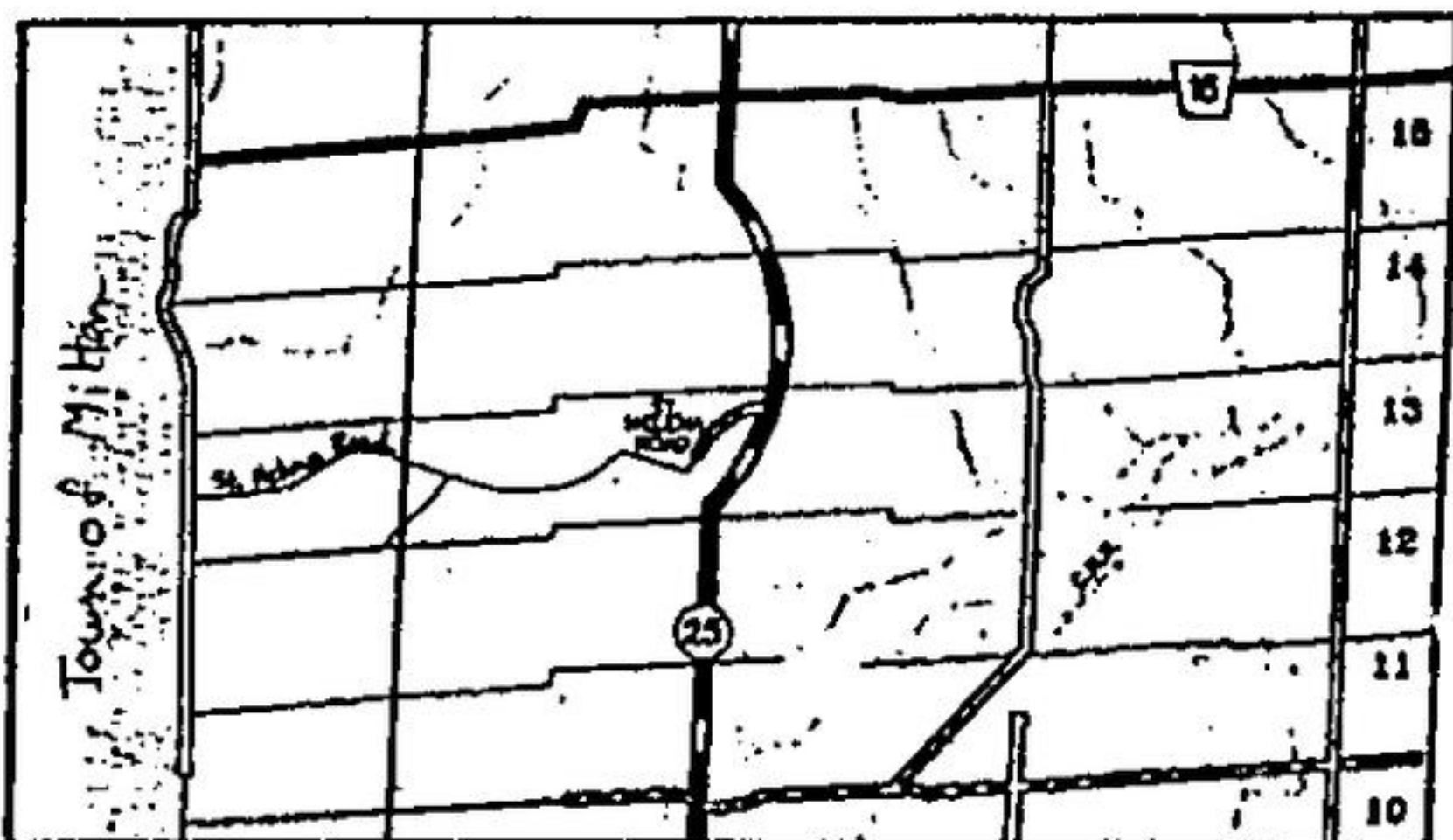
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