

# Dump proponents strategy may hurt town's stance

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It turns out Reclamations Systems Incorporated, proponents of the Acton dump proposal, may have undercut the town's legal strategy to fight the dump application.

During a press conference Monday, Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller announced the town's legal strategy involves a three-pronged attack.

First, the town has requested Ontario Minister of Environment Ruth Grier either reject the dump proposal outright, or send it back to RSI to do further work on the proposal.

According to a town solicitor letter sent to Ms. Grier, the request is based on several planning and technical concerns the municipality has with the RSI proposal.

"We think we (the Town) has a very good case for the minister to reject it (the proposal) or send it back," Mayor Miller told reporters.

"Hopefully the minister will appreciate the \$550,000 the town has spent to show it is a poor proposal with many holes in it," continued Mayor Miller.

If the minister ignores this request, the town wants an Environmental Assessment (EA) Board hearing to be held to determine the proposal's validity.

The town favors an EA hearing because, subjected to this process, the proposal's weaknesses will be revealed and it will subsequently be rejected, predicted Mayor Miller.

There is also another reason the town supports an EA hearing, said Town Administrator Dan Costea.

He explained the RSI proposal would still need a Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment and Regional approval even if the board approved the proposal.

Therefore, the town and Region, which also opposes the proposal, could use their respective powers to kill the application.

However, he acknowledged the

town may have lost this option, since RSI has applied to have the proposal heard by a Consolidated Board.

While an EA Board hearing would only consider the proposal under the Environmental Assessment Act, the Consolidated Board would consider it with respect to all acts pertaining to the application.

In other words, under a Consolidated Board hearing, the town and Region would lose their respective powers to kill the proposal, said Mr. Costea.

The administrator explained RSI applied to the Consolidated Board in December, but the town only learned of the application late last week.

Mr. Costea was also quick to point out RSI filed the application unbeknownst to Ms. Grier and her senior staff.

Mr. Costea conceded in all likelihood the proposal will be heard by the Consolidated Board, since this board takes precedence over an EA Board.

The third prong of the town's legal strategy involves a letter written to John Crosbie, Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Under the Fisheries and Oceans Act, the minister can reject a proposal if it negatively impacts aquatic life.

Calling this act "very powerful," Mr. Costea said he is optimistic the minister will reject the proposal because of the danger the dump presents to fish habitat in Black Creek.

# Multicultural meeting

The public is invited to The Halton Multicultural Business Association's monthly Breakfast meeting on Thursday, January 23, 1992 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., at the Burlington Holiday Inn, 3063 South Service Road, Burlington. The speaker at the Breakfast meeting will be Hani Mokhtar, Director General, Race Relations of The Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship who will be speaking on "The Changing Face of Canada".

The Business Association is open to anyone who is interested in networking opportunities with other business associates and members of various ethnocultural communities.

Monthly meetings are covering such areas as the "how to's" of doing business in the various ethnocultural communities; proper advertising to those communities, export opportunities, the changing marketplace due to heavy immigration, the little known skilled labour pool, up-to-date information on government programmes, and how race relations can be good for business.

Regional Chairman, Peter Pomeroy, said "Halton Region was one of, if not the first, official member of the organization".

"This is one more step toward integration of the many new

Canadians that we have," said Pomeroy.

According to H.M.B.A., Acting Chairman, Joe Miller "business has become more conscious of the multicultural community".

Hani Mokhtar is the Director General, Race Relations and Cross-Cultural Understanding in the Multiculturalism Sector. He has joined the Department on August 5th, 1991.

Hani Mokhtar joined the Public Service in 1972 and holds a B.A. in Economics from McGill University and a Masters of Engineering from the University of Toronto.

He was previously the Director of Indian moneys with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and prior to that he was a Senior Analyst with the Programs Branch of the Treasury Board Secretariat for six years.

Throughout his career Hani has had extensive experience in policy analysis and developments in the areas of social and economic development (native affairs, comprehensive claims, immigration, transport and energy).

He has also undertaken a number of international assignments for the World Bank and United Nations organizations in Africa.

# Directors elected

Delegates elected three Directors to the Board of the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation at their 11th Annual Meeting held January 7th in Toronto.

Chris Buchner, a dairy producer from Brownsville, begins his second term as Director for Zone 2, which encompasses the counties of Oxford, Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk, as well as the regional municipalities of Niagara, Hamilton-Wentworth, Waterloo, Halton and Peel.

Zone 4 will now be represented by Colbourg area producer Doug Hoskin. This Zone includes the counties of Victoria, Peterborough, Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac, Renfrew, Lanark and Leeds.

Murillo area producer Allan Vis was returned as Director Zone 6 to begin his fourth term in that position. This area encompasses all districts of Northern Ontario.

# P.A. Fun Day

Join in the P.A. Day fun Friday, January 31, 1992, 2:00 p.m. at your Branch Library! This program for school-aged children (Senior Kindergarten and up) is based on a Valentine's Day theme, "For Someone Special". We will be making tissue paper valentines and flowers...to keep or for someone special! Registration begins on January 17, 1992 in person at either Branch Library or by phone, Georgetown Branch-873-2681, Acton Branch-853-0301.



# Curling champions

Winners of the 1992 Mixed Invitational Curling Bonspiel held Saturday at North Halton and Golf and Country Club were presented with a trophy by Bob Creasy (standing, left), owner of Knechtels Food Market in Georgetown which sponsored the

tournament. The winning team consisted of (left to right) Bonnie Henderson, Jim Henderson, Mitchell Jewell and Jane Jewell. Six teams competed in the bonspiel. (Herald Photo)

# Georgetown hospital shows it cares

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital shows it cares about the community by offering different programs and seminars.

Carolyn Harding, Director Quality Assurance - Educational Services said, "the hospital hosts many on-going programs at the hospital for Halton Hills."

Every Monday, the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meet in the Bennett Recreation Room at 7 p.m. to talk and lend support to all members.

Pre-natal classes are offered every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Three courses are offered for different stages of pregnancy.

The course is held through the Public Health Office and deals with natural childbirth methods, exercises for mother and child, baby care and nutrition. For further information, please call the Public Health Office at 877-2238.

January 22, GDMH is holding a new course which teaches about healthy lifestyles. "Heartbeat" is an educational program which addresses healthy lifestyles, nutrition, proper exercise and stress management.

Ms. Harding described the course as "a straight education course" for those with coronary concerns. Hospital dieticians teach the course and can be contacted at 873-0111, extension 196.

The Alzheimer's Support Group had its first meeting Jan. 13. The



group meets every Tuesday evening, and offers support and advice for family members and friends on how to deal with situations and understand the nature of the illness. The organizer, Kelly Herbert can be reached at 873-0111, extension 190.

The week of Feb. 3-7 is set aside to recognize efforts of food service workers at GDMH.

Ms. Harding said displays will be exhibited in front of the cafeteria and will show what food service workers do for the hospital and its patients.

Residents can learn how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Feb. 17 and 19.

This new two day course offers hands-on learning on how to perform CPR on adults, children and infants. There is a \$40 fee and registration is a must because of limits on class size.

For further information, contact Ms. Harding at 873-0111.