



The newly appointed Halton Hills ambulance executive are, back from left, Bob Crawford (operations), Doug McLeod (president), Gord Kearsy (vice-president), Wally

Williams (co-ordinator), Jackie Henselwood (secretary-treasurer), Bob Raine (administration) and Sandra Kearsy (training).

Halton dump will be at Milton site

By ROB KELLY

News of the decision to locate Halton Region's dump in Milton has councillors there discussing a plan of attack to fight back.

The only routes of appeal remaining for Milton are to the Ontario cabinet and the courts.

If that fails, a 246-acre 5-million tonne landfill site will be carved out of the flat agricultural plain west of Highway 25.

Its span will be such that it backs onto First Line (Bronte Rd.) to the west. It will be north of Lower Base Line, south of Britannia Rd., and is expected to be home to Halton's garbage for 20 years, beginning in 1992.

A 210-page document released last week marked the end of a 12-year landfill war between Milton and Burlington. The dump hearing's report did not even recommend the Burlington site as a distant alternative.

A cabinet appeal must be launched within 28 days. It is probably the quicker course, no matter what the outcome. Such an appeal can be based on general disagreement with the hearing board findings.

A court appeal, which could be lengthy, must be based on errors in legal procedure in the hearing and report, not on the impact of local landfill. A preliminary hearing will determine if there are grounds for a legal challenge.

Milton councillor Bill Johnson, who also sits on regional council, advocated attacking the decision on both fronts. From the legal perspective, the hearings were compromised last year, he said, when one of the three hearing officers quit. But the battle went on anyway.

Milton councillors met in-camera to

discuss their position Monday night.

But it was too early to determine a course of action. Mayor Gord Krantz is scheduled to meet with the town's landfill lawyers and consultants during the week. Council is expected to consider the matter in-camera again next Monday, when a decision on a course of action is expected.

Mr. Johnson downplayed the expertise brought to the 18-month hearing by Harry Lancaster, a lawyer, and his fellow board officer, Jim Kingham. "We've got a chemist (Dr. Kingham) and a Q.C. What the hell do they know about engineering?"

In their text, the hearing officers say the Burlington site, in Aldershot, should have been abandoned in 1982 as unsuitable. They point to a number of flaws with the location. These include: problems with surface water runoff; potential for contaminated water leaching out of the dump underground; the nearby urban development.

Milton town administrator Roy Main, the town's senior civil servant and the man who would have the most day-to-day contact with consultants and lawyers fighting the local landfill, was taken aback with the decision.

"It certainly catches me off guard," he admitted. The report "seemed to dump on Milton fairly well, no pun intended."

While acknowledging that "I don't know if there are grounds for appeal," Mr. Main said there are "a number of errors of judgment" in the report. Appeals may not only halt the process they "could take it as far back as square one" he added.

The board has "misread and misinterpreted a number of factors. I still feel that Burlington is a better site."

Video inferno

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tense the paint on one of the fire trucks caught on fire. Two truck trailers and a car parked next to the burning buildings began to smolder as well.

The remains of the buildings were left smoldering, but the fire flared up again late the same night. One fireman received minor injuries, according to the fire department.

The three businesses destroyed by the fire are the Country Video store, Atlantis Waterbeds and CCP Liquidators, all owned by Tarzwell.

Milton could be interim site for Peel garbage—Councillor

By ROB KELLY

The shock of being saddled with Halton's 20-year landfill site hadn't yet left Milton councillors but Monday night they were already discussing strategy for their last stand against the dump; appealing the decision.

During an in-camera meeting following general committee, town administrator Roy Main gave a brief synopsis on developments and informed councillors that staff and mayor Gord Krantz will meet with Milton's consultants and lawyers.

Although any town battle plans are in the earliest stages, it is clear councillors are not about to merely accept the consolidated hearing board decision following a dozen years of often bitter wrangling with Burlington and Halton region over landfill.

Asked what he thought of the decision, Mr. Krantz said, "they made the wrong one. I'm certainly not about to roll over."

Speaking of the prevailing sentiment prior to the announcement, that Burlington would get the landfill, Mr. Krantz added "there were two surprised municipalities on Friday."

Halton region, while supporting both sites, had narrowly preferred Burlington. Mr. Krantz indicated he felt testimony of regional experts had almost been discounted. "The region had 12 or 14 consultants. I

would think the biggest majority of them knew what they were talking about."

Councillor Colin Best warned that the true landfill site boundaries are the roads surrounding the dump, not the 246 acres within earmarked for garbage disposal.

He was also suspicious of the fact a rail line lies just west of the property. It could be used to transport Toronto garbage to an expanded site, he warned. Or, Milton could become interim site for Peel" while that neighboring municipality searches for its own dump site.

Mr. Best said he is "quite upset" with statements in the decision document. "They basically say (regional consultant) Peter Walker is out to lunch."

Eight years ago the same site was rejected as a toxic waste dump and yet today it finds favor as a massive landfill, Mr. Best said.

The councillor also took issue with the dump's position on the outskirts of town alongside the major highway running up from south Halton. "It's bad enough we've got a prison (Maplehurst) at one end of town. Now we've got a dump at the other."

The only reason why Milton was even considered for a site was because "Burlington basically blackmailed the region," by forcing the issue when it appeared they would have the only candidate site, Mr. Best said.



HALTON ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board offers an optional French Immersion Program to its English language students entering Grade 5 in September 1989.

A parent information meeting is scheduled as follows:

Halton Hills: — Tuesday, March 7, 1989
7:00 p.m.
Holy Cross School
222 Maple Avenue
Georgetown

For further information, please contact:
Michelle H. Longlade
Program Consultant
632-6300, ext. 214

Please note that this is not a registration meeting.

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Friday & Saturday Dinner Buffet

This buffet features all your favorite dishes, including carved Roast Prime Rib of Beef and Flambeed Shrimp. Our regular a-la-carte menu is also available along with our daily seasonal blackboard specials. Come out and treat yourself this weekend!

Dinner is served 5:00-10:00 p.m.

\$16⁹⁵ Adults

\$7⁹⁵ Children (12 & under)

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