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Using garbage station here tied to compensation

Orangeville not welcome, may come anyway

By PAUL DORSEY

Mayor Russ Miller told Orangeville's public works chief Wednesday that his community's garbage is not welcome in Georgetown.

That didn't stop Halton Regional council from endorsing Orangeville's use of the Leferink waste transfer station in Georgetown through 1991, but the biggest point of contention — the resulting costs to the Region and Town of Halton Hills — will be assessed.

"Road subsidies are not what they used to be," Burlington Councillor Joyce Savoline reminded colleagues. "Mr. Leferink is going to be making a substantial amount of money from this. I'm wondering

whether Halton is going to assess Orangeville (for compensation for road repairs)."

At the urging of Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, use of the transfer station as a stop-off point for Orangeville trash en route to a landfill still to be found will be conditional on the findings of a staff report on offsetting costs.

"The Region has contributed to the capital cost of the transfer station — that's built into the contractor's fee," Halton Treasurer Joe Rinaldo acknowledged. "It would not be inappropriate to try and recover some of those costs."

Grilled by councillors at a meeting Wednesday, Orangeville Public

Works Director Jack Tupling declined to comment on the possibility of his community compensating Halton or Halton Hills for sending 10 garbage trucks a day to the station or using the roads leading to it.

The route has still to be finalized, and Tupling pointed out that Orangeville is still investigating other options and in fact may not have to use any Halton facility.

Halton's representatives were not consoled.

"My concern is that you may want to use this transfer station for a lot of years," Miller told Tupling, urging Orangeville to establish a transfer station of its own.

"You're going to need it because

I'm not going to be very supportive of you coming into our community."

Tupling said Orangeville is awaiting completion of the Dufferin County waste management master study early next year, which he said will make recommendations for a county-wide system that may or may not require transfer stations.

Five potential landfill sites have been identified in Dufferin, he said, all within 15 or 20 miles of Orangeville.

As it stands, Tupling explained, all Dufferin communities have their own landfills with the exception of Orangeville, Grand Valley and East Garafraxa. Most are small, rural

sites that could not accommodate Orangeville's garbage, but site sharing within the county is being considered.

And Orangeville still holds out hope that it will be allowed to keep using the Innisfil landfill after its already-extended Sept. 17 deadline, Tupling said.

He denied that Orangeville is looking ahead to using Halton's new landfill when it opens in 1992.

Councillor Joe Hewitt asked Tupling about the Provincial government's role in resolving Orangeville's crisis. The community is "five to seven years" from getting Provincial approval for its landfill, Hewitt noted, and should be pressuring Queen's Park to be "more accountable."

Oakville Councillor Janet Mitchell expressed concern that if any of the outside communities that have taken in Halton's garbage for years hear about the Region's reluctance to accommodate Orangeville, they may have a change of heart, that should be dealt with effectively.

"The fact that I'm running, the Green Party has a candidate, shows how concerned we are about the environment," Gori said. "Many environment groups have been formed in this area, which is proportionate to the amount of problems we have here. Many have been accused of saying "not in my backyard," but that is pretty good. If everyone takes care of their backyard, it will be a better place to live."

"I'm not running against any of these candidates, but against the image of their leaders. The Family Coalition Party has no ambition for being in power in the short term, but we must have balanced, responsible policies in the long term."

In response to questions from the audience, all of the candidates agreed that quarries on the Niagara Escarpment should be banned, or at least strictly controlled.

They also concurred that greater control over allowing developers to use prime agricultural land must be legislated.

All candidates except Elliot verbally supported Whiting's view that Halton should withdraw from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). He received much applause from the audience after he stated that each area should look after its own garbage.

However, Elliot countered that "we can't be holier than thou about this subject," adding garbage is not simply a regional problem, but should be everyone's concern.

"Without the GTA, a lot of the large challenges in environmental matters wouldn't be addressed as they are right now," Elliot said. "Simple solutions are not realistic in this day and age."



TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend.

Candidates for the Halton North riding assembled in front of a crowd of about 120 as the first All Candidates Debate was held at Sacre Coeur Hall, Tuesday night. As moderator John Minns outlined the procedures for the evening's agenda, candidates (from

left) Noel Duignan, Guiseppe Gori, Dave Whiting, Patricia Kammerer, Walt Elliot, and John Shadbolt prepared for the barrage of questions. The Tuesday night debate centred on environmental issues, and was hosted by the POWER environmental group.

Six candidates air views on environment

By STUART JOHNSTON

In the first of a series of debates, all six political candidates competing for North Hal-

ton votes in September's election squared off against each other in Georgetown Tuesday night.

Liberal incumbent Walt Elliot,

Progressive Conservative Dave Whiting, New Democrat Noel Duignan, Green Party Patricia Kammerer, Family Coalition Party Giuseppe Gori and Libertarian John Shadbolt fielded questions from many of the approximately 120 people in attendance.

The meeting, held in Sacre Coeur Hall, focussed strictly on environmental issues, and was sponsored by the citizens' group POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources).

All of the candidates expressed their desire to improve the environment as quickly and efficiently as possible, but differed on the methods of how to achieve that goal at the provincial level.

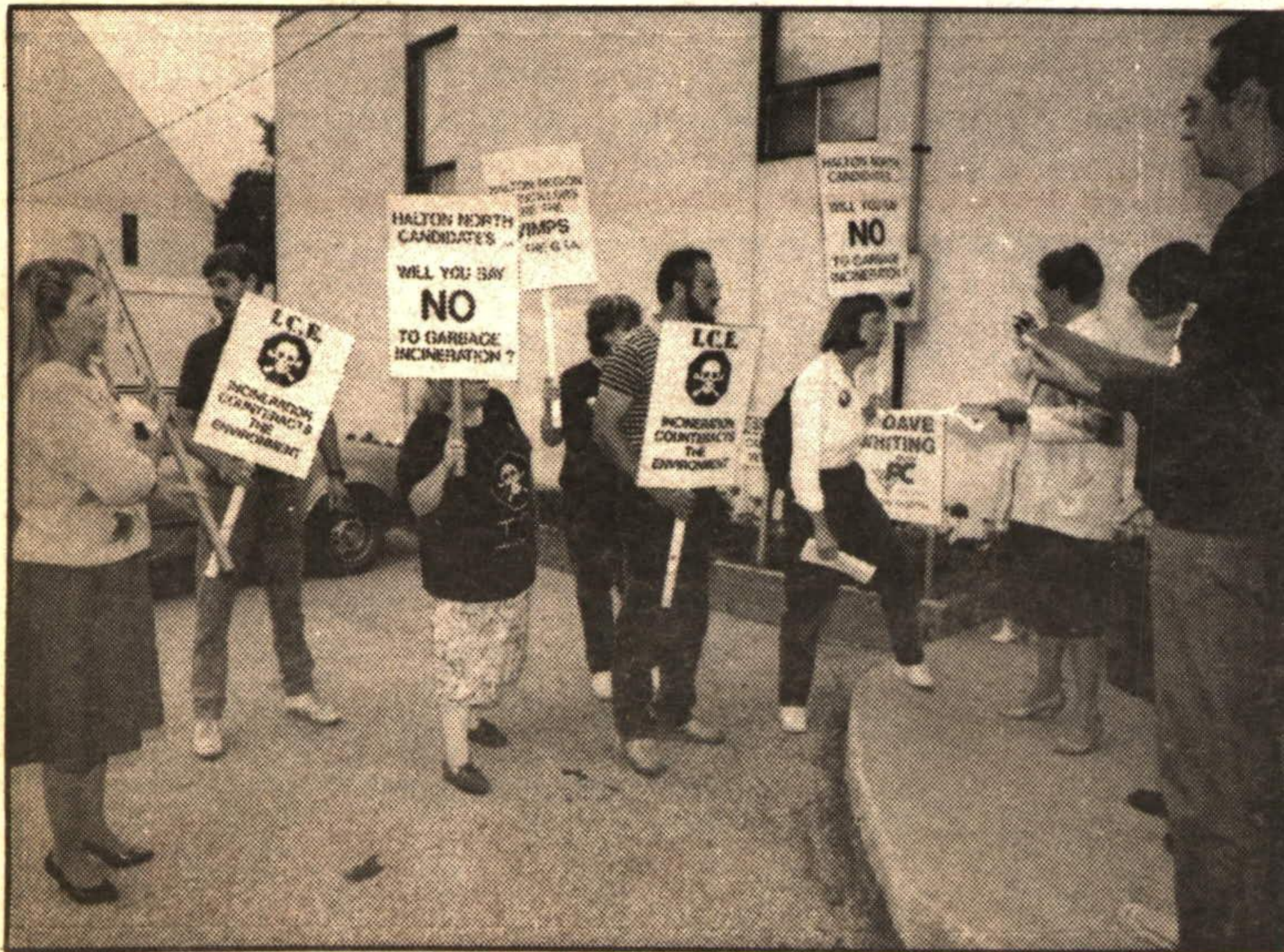
"You're not going to hear too many different ideas from any of us — there's no one on this stage tonight who is going to support toxins in our air or poisons in our water," Whiting said. "It is for you to decide which of us is ac-

tually going to do something rather than just talk about problems and solutions." Duignan focussed much of his attention on criticizing the Liberal government's current policies on environmental issues, saying they are not strict enough. He also turned his attack on the Tories' past and present platforms on similar issues.

"All around us are the signs of a sick environment," Duignan told the audience. "Our cities gobble up prime farmland and can't cope with their garbage...The Liberals and Tories like to talk about "sustainable development," but they remain committed to unfettered economic growth."

Duignan claims that his party will push for an environmental bill of rights, which he said will provide citizens with the right to fight corporate pollution, and also to refuse to do work where

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Protesters from the ICE environmental group were on hand to greet spectators to the Tuesday night All Candidates Debate at Sacre Coeur Hall, Georgetown. The first all candidates debate centered on environmental issues, and was hosted by POWER.