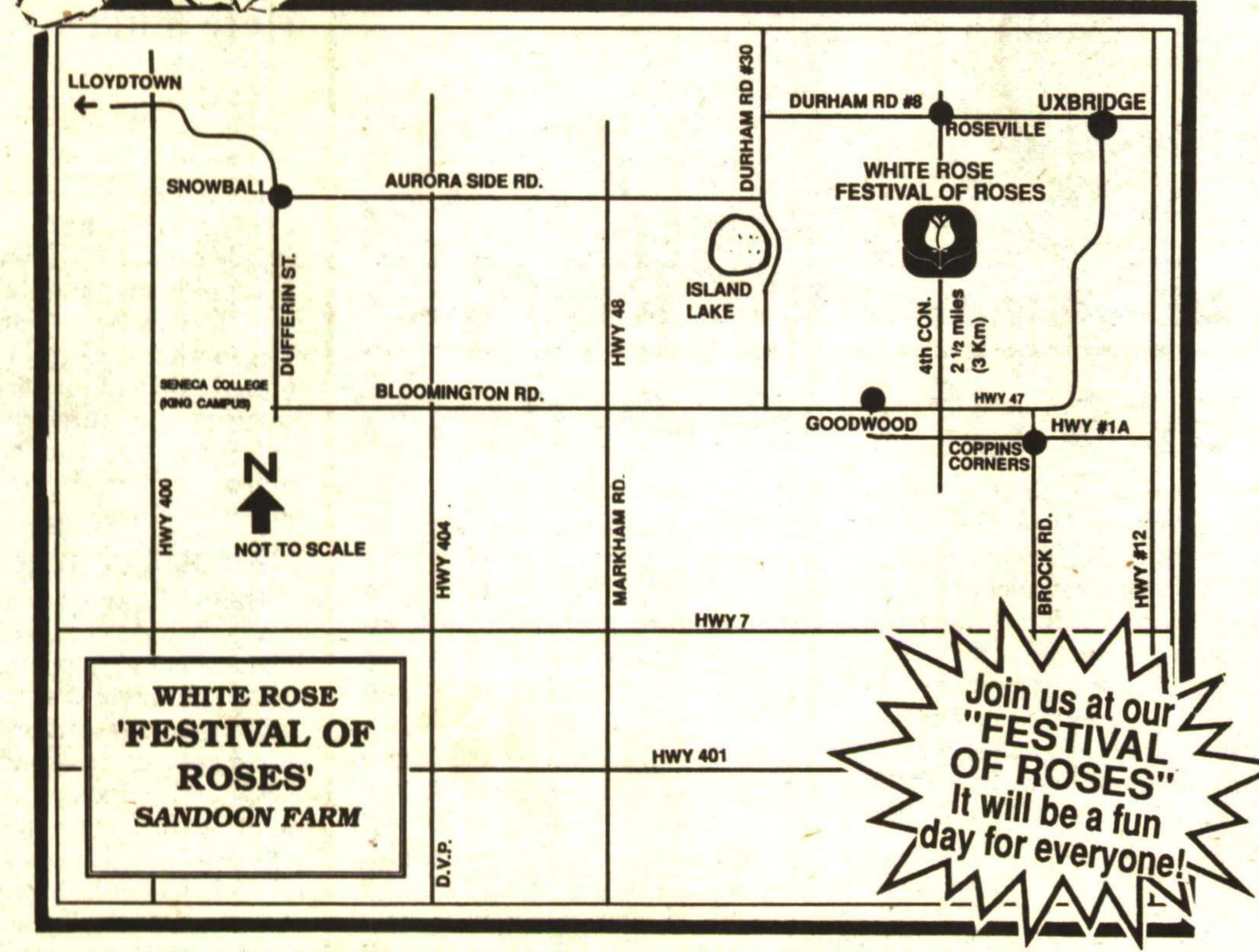
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Referendum on dump proposal

dum on the quarry dump proposal and immediately shelved the idea altogether Monday night.

In a staff report, Administrator-Clerk Dan Costea noted that a referendum ballot in November's election on Reclamation System 3 Inc.'s proposal to landfill the Acton Quarry would cost the municipality between \$15,000-\$20,000.

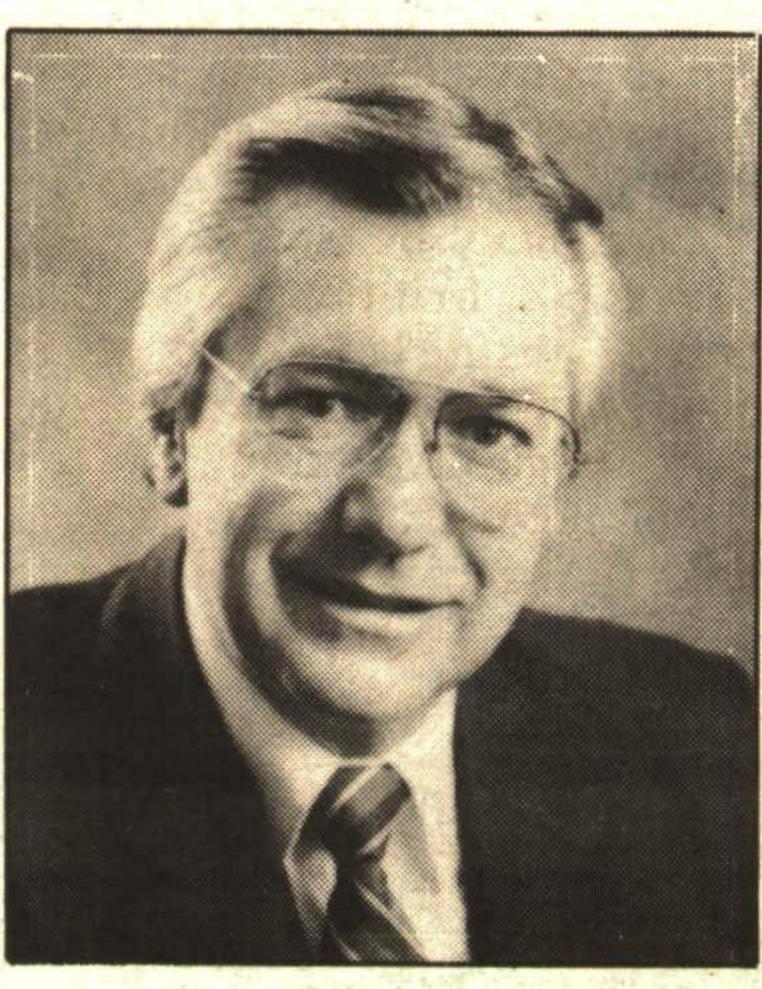
firm would be needed to "prepare RSI's proposal, and "other developproposed questions" that would be ment issues."

placed on the ballot, which would then be tested by polling the public prior to the election.

The high cost of the referendum would be based on "the degree of involvement of the marketing firm," Costea concluded.

Councillors seemed shocked to hear what the exercise may cost, and unanimously agreed to forego the idea.

Early in June, Mayor Russ Miller suggested questions should be placed on November's ballot as-Costea added that a marketing king the public of their views on



CHAIRMAN PETE POMEROY



COUNCILLOR JOHN GRAHAM

Pomeroy, Graham at odds over local developments

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issues up front, but when people make accusations, I have no control over them....There is no hidden agenda (but) if someone accuses me of something — if it's true I'll admit it; if not, I'll sue."

Reading from prepared notes in council, Graham wondered why officials have pegged Georgetown with a projected maximum population of 40,000 people, before "sufficient water supplies had been located."

Visibly angered, Chairman Pete Pomeroy asked Planning commissioner Rash Mohammed to explain the Region's planning process, "for the benefit of (Graham), because all the others know what's going on."

"I do not need to hear slights especially from the chairman of Halton Region!" Graham shouted

Pomeroy later apologized for his "unnecessary remarks" after Oakville councillor Kevin Flynn criticized his outburst.

Mohammed explained the population projections are based on Halton Hills' 1982 Official Plan, which outlined the expected sewage and water capacities for the next 20 years or so. He added the Region is continually looking for water supplies, noting Test Well 15

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on Main St. South and the Huttonville Well as two possible sources.

He added it was "done through a complete, extensive public consultation process."

"The point we're trying to make is that pressures were put on by this council when it passed the Official Plan," a calmer Pomeroy added. "It is our inherent responsibility to provide the servicing, now."

Burlington councillor Walt Mulkewich criticized Pomeroy for "leading staff" to the answer to his questions, believing the "debate should only be between members of council."

Pomeroy shot back that it "is the right of council" to involve staff in all discussions for information.

"The difficulty with this issue is there is a lot of questions being asked (by Graham) outside of these Council chambers - I'd rather have it all debated here," he added. "I don't agree that we can't ask staff questions."

Halton Hills councillor Joe Hewitt agreed, but questioned Graham where he received his information on development issues in the north.

"I didn't want to respond, but...it is an extremely confusing situation even for Halton Hills councillors to deal with," Hewitt said. "If there is some hidden agenda that (Graham) thinks we're trying to do, then get it out in the open. I've heard inferences that Graham's been talking with other people (in Georgetown) — I'd like him to tell us what he's doing behind the scenes, and get that out in the open."

Graham refused to comment further, adding he will "deal with staff later" on his questions.

Several weeks ago Graham caused a stir when he questioned how the Region was conducting its several projects in Georgetown's Silver Creek Valley. He asked for a formal report on the complete analysis of those projects, but the majority of his colleagues refused to support it.

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