'Logic prevailed' in NEC decision says POWER chief

By JANET BAINE

POWER president Barbara Halsall exuded confidence about the Niagara Escarpment Commission's (NEC) recent endorsement of Amendment

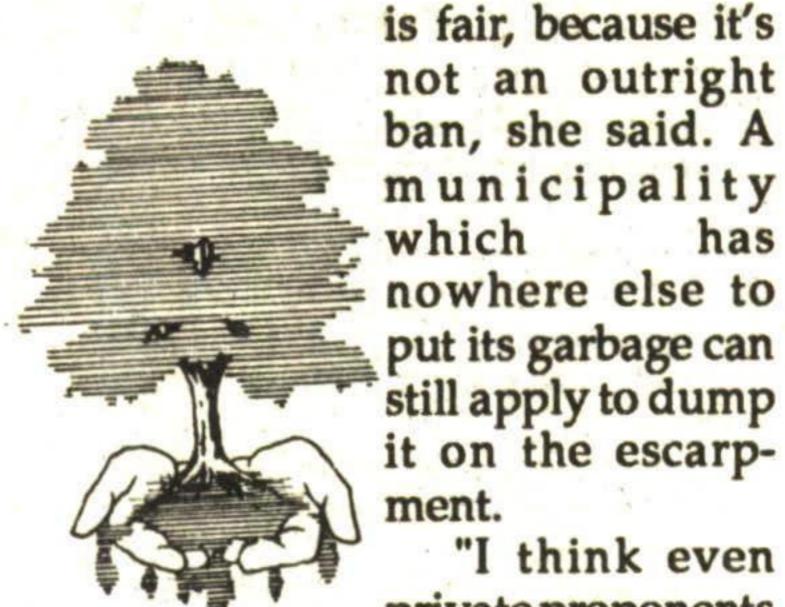
On November 21, the NEC endorsed the amendment which had been recommended by hearing officer John Duncanson after a 20-day hearing. If given final approval by the Provincial government, the amend-

ment will make it more difficult for quarries to be turned into landfills.

"I'm confident (the amendment) will go through in the end," she said. "(Allowing landfilling) was a major loophole. I would consider it an error in the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

"It should discourage people from looking at the escarpment area when they begin looking for a place to put garbage."

At the same time, the amendment



not an outright ban, she said. A municipality which nowhere else to put its garbage can still apply to dump it on the escarpment.

"I think even private proponents

would welcome clear rules. It would save them from wasting lots of money by looking in the wrong spot, like RSI has," said a confident Halsall.

After being through the hearing process, Halsall said it is very long and cumbersome. POWER first raised the issue in 1988 and took it to the Niagara Escarpment Commission, which agreed to propose an amendment. POWER then hired a

(of landfilling on the escarpment) lawyer and ended up paying \$20,000 to be represented during the 20 days of the hearing, which started last December and ended during the sum-

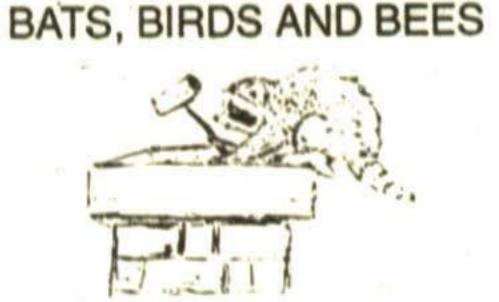
Halsall said an hour-long discussion would have come to the same conclusion as the extensive hearing which brought 10 lawyers, six individuals and seven expert witnesses to the Halton Hills Council chambers for the hearing.

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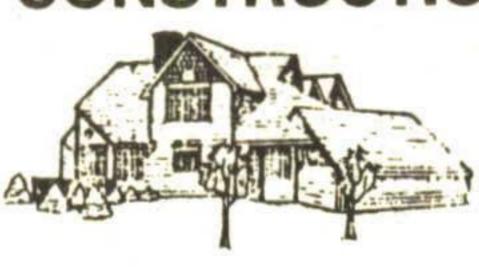
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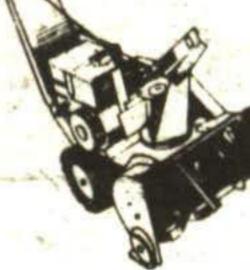
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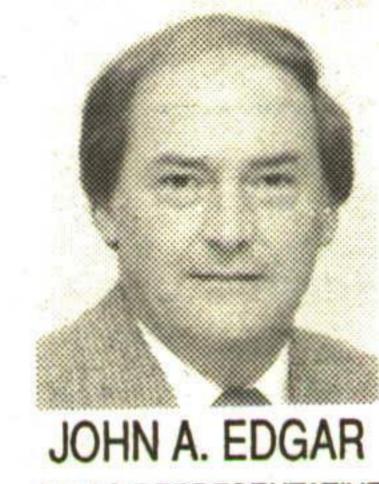
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