

EDITORIAL

"We're damn mad"

Once again Halton Hills is being threatened by the prospect of a dump site.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said it best: "we're damn mad and we're not going to take this lying down."

The Interim Waste Authority (IWA) released its short list of 16 potential Peel dump sites Friday and not surprisingly the two sites on the border of Halton Hills are on that short list.

Both sites are within 500 metres of the Peel/Halton (read Halton Hills) border) and about 2.5 kilometres from Norval.

The two potential sites are located on Winston Churchill Blvd. just south of Mayfield Rd. and now have the potential to become "preferred sites" on a IWA list expected this summer.

The sites on Winston Churchill Blvd. are two of the five sites chosen from the original 21 potential Peel dump sites. Of the other sites, one is just south of Hwy. 7 on Creditview Rd. (again just off the Halton Hills Brampton border and the final two are just southwest of Bolton.

The Winston Churchill sites came in number two and number three on the short list with only one of the sites near Bolton coming in ahead of the local area sites.

The ironic thing is that a decade ago when the area being considered for a dump was then considered it was deemed unsuitable because of its hydrogeology.

We definitely agree with David McPhail who commented that the IWA thinking is unreasonable.

With a major community in view of the site and the Credit River running just a short distance away, the thinking that would even consider a dump site under those conditions is mystifying.

As McPhail said: "What this has done (is to show that) the IWA willfully disregarded information provided to them,"

Public input before short list was released prompted a two-month delay in the release of the list as a result of the tons of letters, documents and phone calls the IWA received.

The public now has a minimum of 120 days to comment on the short list of sites.

And comment we must — loudly and vigorously.

Showing that we are concerned about the potential impact of a 20-year dump on our doorstep is one way of assuring that Halton Hills does not become a dumping ground for Metro.

Have you got a minute?

Several months ago Halton Hills This Week columnist Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerson suffered a stroke. Over the past several months he has been undergoing rehabilitation at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington and sent the following letter on his progress to the Editor. We hope he soon walks back into our office asks for his old space back. It's waiting for him.

Dear Scott:

Have you got a minute?

If so, I would like to take a moment to thank you and the Staff for the lovely plant and card, signed by all.

Before being discharged, a patient must have two full weekends at home to see how he or she copes. This is my second weekend and things have gone well.

Physio has helped me a great deal, and I am learning to walk with help, and a cane. Dr. Strauss got off the best line when he saw me. He said "Just think, Steamer, old boy, if this had been on your right side you wouldn't have been able to talk or write". Mahatma Gandhi wrote, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." I am feeling so much stronger that I have forgiven him.

While in Burlington, I met Ruth Wrigglesworth-Forgraves' sister, who has since gone home.

Another lady asked me if I knew Ray Thompson and Wally Thompson in Georgetown. It turned out she married their younger brother, Bert. He was a pharmacist and worked for Bambylios for

years. She went home yesterday.

Peter Pomeroy dropped in to see me and I told him there was a Hallowe'en lunch for the patients being held downstairs in the cafeteria and if he could spare another moment or two, I was sure I could get him on the program as a witch or a pumpkin. The officials in charge declined graciously. I think they thought our act was too scary for the lame, the halt and the weary. I was going to tell them the joke about the guy who was staggering home from the pub on Hallowe'en night. A costumed white ghost jumped out of a bush and said "I'm a ghost from the grave, and I have come back to haunt you". The frightened boozer said, "Let me shake your hand, I married your sister". Pete and I got the "Don't call us, we'll call you" routine.

I expect to be discharged Nov. 20, 1992 if all goes well, providing I can walk a bit around the house.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Best regards,
Steamer

P.S. Every day I scribble on my bedside calendar to "Keep trying, be positive, don't give up hope". Who knows, I may surprise everyone and walk back into your newspaper and ask for my old space back.

Winston Churchill wrote some famous words that are classics, but few remember he also wrote, "Short words are best and the old words, when short, are best of all".

This has been a few old words to you, your staff, and my readers.

Face-to-face



Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints visited seniors at the Bennett Centre Saturday. The visitors entertained the Bennett Centre residents and was a unique opportunity for two generations to meet face-to-face.
Photo by Scott Augustus

Family Violence

Satisfying yourself

By Jacie B. Palmer

We women are a crazy lot. We become totally captivated by the male of the species and place our whole self at a man's disposal. Men seem to like doing "guy" things or enjoy their time alone but many women totally immerse themselves in their particular man of the hour. Why do we do it? What is it that makes a man seem to be the fulfillment of our lives?

I know a lot of creative, intelligent and capable women, yet most of these feel they are at a loss without a man on their arm. Some women will drop what they are doing to be at the beck and call of a man. I can remember myself doing the same thing so I'm as guilty as the rest of my sex. But I'm learning from my mistakes. No person should wrap themselves up in another's life and needs. We are meant to fulfill our own needs and while a part of that may mean having a partner at our side, we must find our own inner peace and happiness before we can be of much use to anyone else.

I've watched a number of women go through my son's life. He seems to like them for a while but sooner or later, the women seem to care more about him than he them. I watched one strong young woman walk away from the relationship. Now she talks of that period in her life as being time wasted. None of us wants to look upon any time of our life as being wasted and yet women, in particular, often waste time in dead end and unsatisfying relationships because they believe they need to have a man around...and almost any man is better than no man. There are certainly many men who move from one relationship to another and remain whether it is satisfying or not. However, they don't seem to place the same high degree of emphasis on the relationship that women do. They retain their own space and identity.

I can remember a time when I'd drop my plans if a man called... not just any man...but a special one. Now I'd not consider canceling



plans for a last minute date. Spontaneity is great but one has to draw the line at lack of consideration. Anyway, often those dates wouldn't provide the kind of happy times I'd want to experience and would leave me longing for something more.

How do you get yourself out of that cycle? I think the first step is to review your life and get it in order. I've spent a lot of time thinking about what I want for me and the kind of man I want in my life. I've not allowed myself to date and it's given me time to think about being alone, what I love about myself and what makes me happy. Until recently, I never knew what kinds of things gave me joy. I didn't know the kind of pleasure I'd experience through doing tasks I believed I'd be incapable of accomplishing. Although filled with trials, this year has been the most successful and personally fulfilling year of my life!

I've had to think about what I want out of relationships with men and what I've received in the past. Is it romance? Is it a love of romance? Is it the high? Do I expect the next one will be "the" one for me? Do I anticipate being fulfilled as I've never been fulfilled before? I suppose in one way or another the answer could be yes to all the above. Many women are romance and love junkies. Some, because we've never experienced it and some because we know what it can be like.

Pragmatically, I've organized my life to ensure I have adequate time with friends and focused on activities which keep my outlook positive. Gradually, while I've never lost the desire for male company, I've become more satisfied with my own life. I'm actually enjoying things I grudgingly participated in previously.

I know that I am strong, independent and have a creative bent, yet in the past that was never enough. Now it is suffice. The contentment that has come from within during these past few months has made me realize that my priorities were all screwed up. Loving ourselves is a must before we can truly love another. I was incapable until now.

Feel free to contact Jacie in confidence by directing letters to her attention at Halton Hills This Week. All correspondence will remain confidential. Jacie can be reached in person through the Distress Centre at 877-1211. Leave a message and Jacie will get back to you. If you are in crisis, call the Distress Centre or 911.

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