Residents call sites unsafe

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McPhail, Norval resident and chairman of Stop Credit River Valley Dumps, declared. He urged area residents to become actively involved in protests against locating the Peel dump on any of the three northwest Brampton sites. "Attend all meetings in large numbers," he said, noting that everyone in the area must do their part "to emphatically communicate their concerns about the environment" to the IWA as it enters its final stage of selection before choosing a preferred site next May.

"The IWA takes the position that there are no effects from a dump beyond a one-kilometre radius," McPhail said. "Anyone here can tell you that's ignorant when you are talking about rivers."

McPhail also quoted a senior IWA consultant as saying, "We have the technology to build a dump right on top of a river and can guarantee that it will not leak." In response to that claim, the antidump spokesman told the crowd in a derisive tone, "This is a typical example of irresponsible IWA rhetoric to which local citizens have been treated to date."

Among local politicians addressing the crowd were Halton Hills councillor and Norval resident Kathy Gastle, Brampton mayor Peter Robertson, Peel regional councillor Paul Palleschi and MPP Carmen McClelland who also serves as environment critic for the provincial Liberals.

Residents push arena

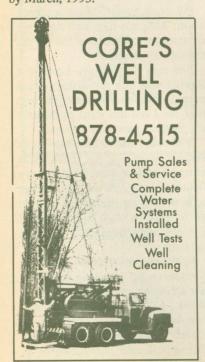
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architect, developing plans and gathering public input). "It is easier also for the user groups to provide input with respect to plans and to refer to drawings during the winter months when they are active in the arena," the letter states.

"The delays associated with problems relating to the developers of Acton East should be independent of the arena process," Chapman wrote. He also suggested that council set a time limit on negotiations with the Acton East developers and, if the deadline cannot be met, "proceed in default with Acton North."

A site recommendation was expected to come to town council from the town's director of recreation and parks, Tom Shepard, in late September. However, the report was delayed pending further negotiations with developers and examination of the wetlands issue.

The schedule also indicated the preparation of schematic drawings by March, 1993.



"We know these sites aren't safe; the problem is getting the IWA to realize that," said Mayor Robertson. "The ideology that says we cannot look at alternate ways to dispose of waste is wrong," he added, noting that all of Brampton's garbage is currently being incinerated at a Bramalea plant. The province has put a ban on all proposed waste incinerators, citing environmental concerns for its action. Councillor Palleschi urged those

attending the meeting to sign up for various committees that will support the work of the two citizen's groups. "If you don't all get involved and sign up, you're going to get a dump in your backyard," he warned. "It's the yellers and screamers who get noticed."

"The fight is not over; in fact, it's just beginning," McClelland observed. He, too, recommended that area residents continue "their persistent and consistent opposition" to the Brampton west dumpsites. "Keep your voice loud and consistent. Just keep hammering," he suggested.







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