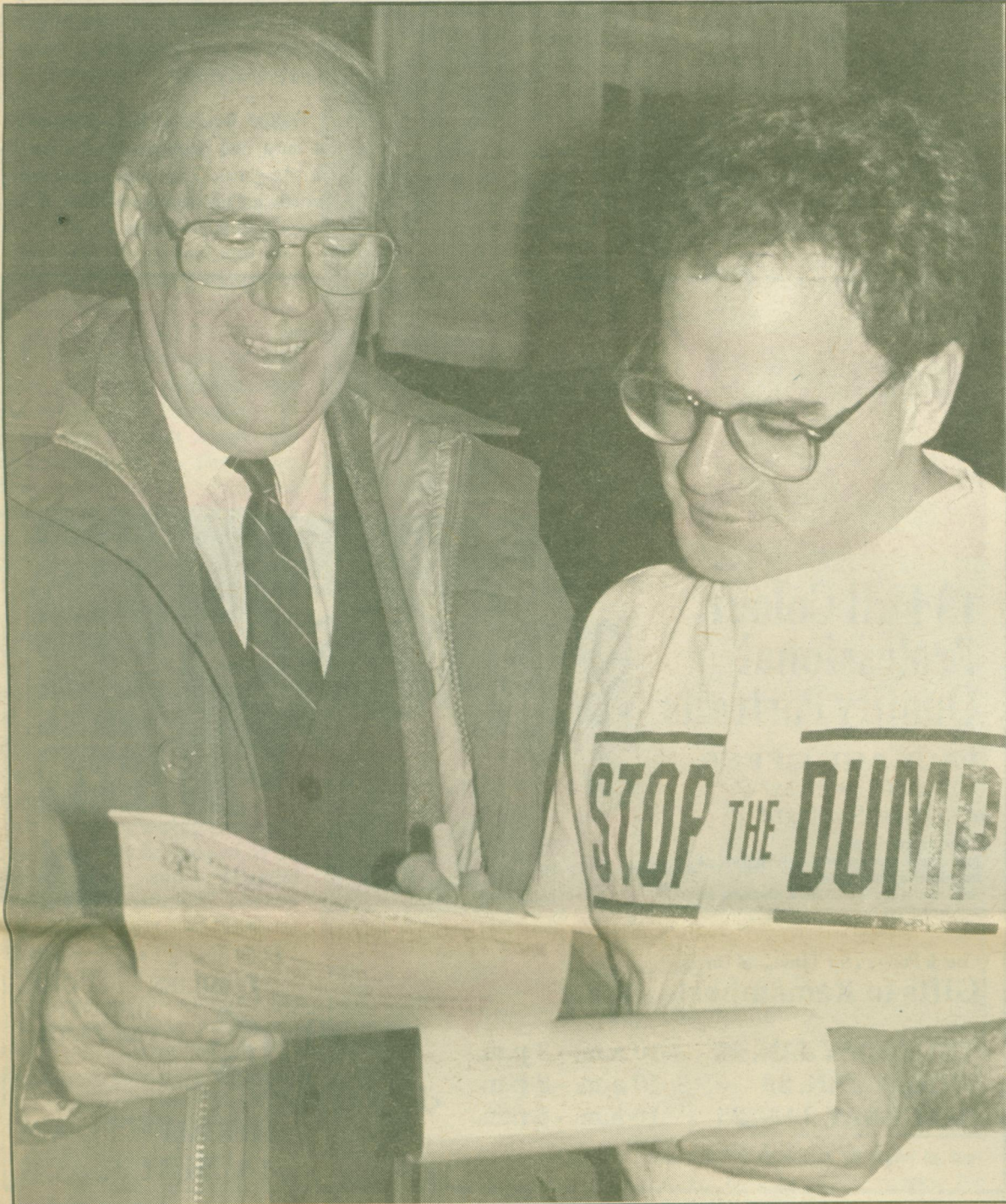


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The message on Town Councillor Rob Heaton's T-shirt says it all as the Ward 2 councillor discusses anti-dump strategy with Norval area resident Merv Kaye (left) during Tuesday night's public meeting in Norval. About 70 area residents attended the meeting to voice concerns over the possible siting of a Peel landfill on land just north of Norval on the Halton-Peel boundary. Photo by Dianne Cornish

Council pledges full support for dump protestors

By Dianne Cornish

The Credit River Valley Coalition, a group of Norval and Brampton area residents protesting the possible siting of a Peel landfill site in their area, was pledged full support from Halton Hills Town Council Tuesday night.

"We're going to vigorously take up the fight against these sites (the two on the Halton-Peel border just north of Norval) which will have a major impact on Georgetown, Norval and residents east of the townline," Mayor Russ Miller said while speaking to a crowd of about 70 concerned citizens at a public meeting in the Elks Hall, Norval.

The meeting, attended by the mayor and town councillors, was organized by the Coalition, which is currently composed of three residents' groups—Stop Credit River Valley Dumps (in Halton and Peel), Brampton Concerned Citizens and the Springbrook Group. The coalition opposes the inclusion of the two Norval area sites and another site just north of Huttonville on the Interim Waste Authority's (IWA's) shortlist of candidate sites for a

Peel landfill.

Town council, "on whole," is on record as being opposed to consideration of the Norval area land as a site for garbage disposal, Mayor Miller told the crowd, emphasizing that community input and involvement is important in the battle to have the sites dropped from the list.

The meeting provided an opportunity for area residents to relate their concerns to council and to suggest strategies that can be used to fight the IWA's selection of the Norval and Brampton area sites. Residents talked about potential benefits of the recently initiated brown ribbon campaign and providing the town's planning department with information about local factors which will help in the dump battle.

Halton Hills resident Pam Soward, who lives on Winston Churchill Boulevard near the Norval area candidate sites, said she was pleased to see many people in the audience wearing brown ribbons. Soward was instrumental in getting the ribbon-wearing campaign on its feet. Basically, every

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Public School board tries to trim budget

By Wendy Long

Let's drop the fluff from schools. That was the message the Taxpayers Coalition of Halton sent to the Halton Board of Education trustees and finance committee Monday night.

The board held the first of its 1993 budget meetings Monday evening, welcoming public input in an arduous effort to trim its budget in tough economic times.

About 40 members of the public attended, watching quietly as trustees tackled various issues.

The representatives from the Taxpayers Coalition, chairman Frank Gue and education committee chairman Roger Love, demanded more efficiency and value from each tax dollar. The Taxpayers Coalition represents about 700 Halton citizens.

They produced a five page document outlining ways they think the board could cut costs. Foremost in their report is that we return to core education, and drop the "fluff" aspects from school content.

"We suggest that the Grade 3 swim program be dropped as being non-core education," said Love, "...unless they are essential to the student's ability to gain an "A" grade in the subject matter being taught."

Gue and Love stressed the need for an increase in computer technology in the classroom and pay restraints paralleling that of the private sector.

"We're not against well paid teachers," Gue, a business consultant, said

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Changes approved for Blue Box

In early February, Halton Hills residents will see at least three changes in their Blue Box collection service.

Beginning the week of February 8, a new collection schedule will be put in place by Halton Région, meaning that Blue Box materials will be collected once every two weeks in Halton Hills rather than once weekly, as is currently the practice. Also, as of early February, Laidlaw Waste Systems Limited employees will collect the recy-

clables in Georgetown and Acton. Over the past four years, Halton Hills town employees provided collection and haulage service for the region.

Lastly, all residents of Halton who will be affected by the new five-year regional contract with Laidlaw of Burlington will be allowed to dispose of five new materials in their Blue Boxes, beginning February 1. The new materials are fine paper, boxboard, aluminum foil, polystyrene (or sty-

rofoam) and HDPE (high-density polyethylene) bottles. Boxboard materials include cereal, detergent and tissue boxes, while HDPE bottles refer to small-mouth plastic containers such as bleach and detergent bottles.

In a report to Halton's planning and public works committee Wednesday, public works commissioner Art Leitch said the region's revised Blue Box program will mean "significant savings and a

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