

# Dump fighters start brown ribbon campaign

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one who wears a brown ribbon is showing their opposition to the IWA's consideration of the Norval area sites as a future home for Peel garbage, Soward said.

"Wear a ribbon," Soward urged area residents. "You'll be surprised how many people will walk up to you and ask why you're wearing it."

She also asked what would be the best way for local residents to

help in the dump protest.

Lawyer Stephen D'Agostino suggested that residents write down every piece of information they feel will help with the fight and send it to planner Arvin Prasad at the Halton Hills Civic Centre. D'Agostino, who represented the town in its recent fight to stop a private operator's proposal to put a landfill into the Acton Quarry, also represents the town in its fight to have the Norval area sites removed

from the IWA's shortlist.

Early in the evening, D'Agostino said community residents can be of tremendous help in providing pertinent information which can be used to oppose the possible siting of the Peel landfill on east boundary of Halton Hills.

"The town really can't do anything without community involvement," he said. "You know where the springs are, you know about the local birdlife and wildlife and you

know about road traffic patterns," he added.

Among suggestions made by local residents to effectively fight the dumpsite proposal were battling it on hydrogeological grounds, asking the town of Halton Hills to support a recent Brampton City Council resolution asking for the resignation of Ontario Environment Minister Ruth Grier, taking advantage of the opportunity to use the community cable television channel by producing and telecasting a video about the sites, putting together a list of off-site impacts that would result from a landfill operating in the area and investigating the possibility of formally designating the Credit River Valley as a recreational use area all the way along the river's run near Winston

Churchill Boulevard.

A Norval area man said hydrogeology tests to be made at the sites will prove that the land isn't suitable for landfill. Peel Region did hydrogeological tests of the Norval area sites a few years ago and concluded that they weren't acceptable for a dump.

"I think hard facts will carry much more weight than ruffled feathers," the resident said.

Another man asked what consideration has been given by town council to back Brampton's request for Grier's resignation. Mayor Miller said the Brampton resolution was discussed at Monday's council meeting and was referred to the town's solicitor for consideration.

"There is a lot of support for just what you've asked," Miller told the man.

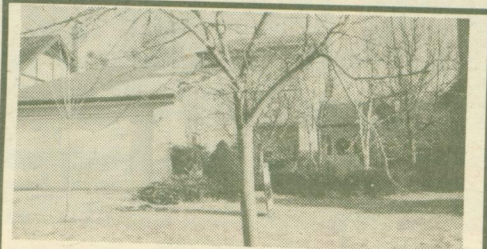
The town has applied for \$60,000 in participant funding from the IWA to cover the cost of hiring a hydrogeologist who will review the paperwork on soil and water tests conducted by IWA engineers.

As yet, the IWA hasn't granted the request because it is waiting for all funding applications to be filed, D'Agostino said. He suggested it'll be April 1 before all applications are received.



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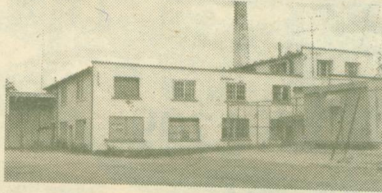
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