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## Acton quarry dump decision tomorrow?

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The fate of an application to turn part of the Acton quarry into a massive landfill should be known tomorrow (Wednesday).

The Environmental Assessment Board will rule if an application from Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) should go to a full environmental hearing.

RSI wants to develop a worked-out portion of the Acton quarry, owned by United Aggregates, as a 25.6 million cubic metre solid waste landfill facility. Opponents say RSI's engineering plans contain serious deficiencies which could result in run-off from the site, thus polluting the Black Creek.

At June's seven-day preliminary hearing in June, the Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region and the Environmental group FOAD (Furiously Opposed to Acton Dumping) argued that the board should dismiss the RSI's application because the company had not complied with the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act and examined alternative sites

other than an active quarry on top of the Niagara Escarpment. RSI lawyers argued the site conforms with the EA Act.

Preliminary hearings are usually used to identify the groups and people involved in the process and to set the stage for the full hearing. Instead, at the June hearing the Town, the region and environmental groups tried to quash the application and avoid the environmental assessment process.

Janet Martel, spokesman for the Environmental Assessment Board said Friday, "The decision goes to the printers Monday and it will bump all other jobs so we should have it mid-week. No one has seen the report but the authors."

Rita Landry, spokesperson for FOAD, said Friday that the whole dump application process has been discouraging but she is keeping her fingers crossed. "I'll have a courier at the board at 3 pm on Wednesday to get a copy of the decision. We can only hope that the dump will be a dead issue."



### New Fall Fair event just for urban "grass-cutters"

SOUNDS LIKE FUN! Brian Nelles (left) and his father Bill have been busy preparing for our town's annual showcase event, the Acton Fall Fair, which will be staged at Prospect Park this weekend. Here Bill and Brian ready the boat to be used at one of the new events scheduled for Saturday night — the Garden Tractor Pull. The contest will be similar to Sunday's ever-popular Antique Tractor Pull. John "Tiny" Miller also helped out with construction on this project. (Jim Warrington photo)

## Shelves nearly empty as FoodShare appeals for food for Acton's hungry

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Acton food bank shelves are nearly empty but Joan Waldie is not worried.

"I have faith in the people of Acton and I know they will answer our appeal for food. I'm sure the local churches, clubs and organizations will find us food to feed Acton's hungry," Waldie said last week while restocking shelves at the FoodShare office on Elgin Street. "The people of Acton are such good, caring people. They give and want to help."

In one six month period in the spring, FoodShare provided 20 tons of food to people in the Acton area. Last month, FoodShare helped 323

families by giving them 1.5 tons of food. Waldie says as news of Acton FoodShare spreads they are getting clients from Everton, Rockwood, Campbellville and south to Milton.

"We help a lot of seniors but we are seeing a lot more young families with babies who can't afford diapers and formula. You can tell that they are uncomfortable. They stand nervously and wonder where they should go and what they should do. They are usually clean, embarrassed and hungry. In almost all cases it is not their fault that there are no jobs and rents are high."

FoodShare gets most of its food through donations from local groups and businesses and from public drop-

off bins around town. Donations are down and Waldie says they had to dip into a cash gift from the olde Hide House last week to buy food.

"We need donations of protein foods. Things like canned vegetables, fruits, soups, macaroni dinners. We also need peanut butter and tins of juice."

Waldie said, "Acton Scouts will be carrying baskets and pushing carts in Saturday's Fall Fair parade to accept donations. There will also be barrels inside the Fair gates for donated food."

FoodShare is open Tuesdays from 9 to 2 and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 pm. Call 853-0457 or 853-3758 for more information.



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