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RSI to proceed with dump plans, despite ruling

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) will proceed with plans to try and turn a part of an Acton quarry into a massive landfill site, despite losing a precedent-setting decision at the Environmental Assessment Board last week.

The board ruled that it does not have jurisdiction to deal with RSI's application to have its proposal dealt with under the Consolidated Hearings Act. The board also ruled that RSI had either failed to provide information or provided insufficient information to support their consolidated hearing application.

RSI spokesperson Karen Dowell said Monday, "We will proceed with the plan. It is not the end of the proposal — we have options." When asked what those options were, Dowell said, "No comment."

For the Town, it was a hard-fought, expensive victory.

"We made history today," said

Mayor Russ Miller at a hastily-called news conference on Wednesday. "We are absolutely delighted and it proves we put up a good argument."

At a preliminary hearing last June the Town's lawyer Steve D'Agostino argued RSI should be made to follow the same rules as everyone else.

"The board agreed with our submissions and that's a full vindication of our argument that RSI was not playing by the rules with this environmental assessment," D'Agostino said last week.

"This ruling is the first time the board has had to consider, in a detailed way, the workings of the Consolidated Hearings Act. It's the first private proponent to work its way through the environmental assessment on a new landfill."

"This will show the industry and the province at large that envi-

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Acton Terry Fox run raises \$25,000 for cancer research

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Acton's 12th annual Terry Fox Run on Sunday was a great success, with both the number of participants and the amount of money raised up from last year.

Organizer George McPhail said that 185 people walked, jogged, biked and skated their way around the track at Acton High School to raise \$25,000 for cancer research.

"We had some new people from Georgetown, which did not have a run this year, and we had some of the faithful regulars who come out each year," said McPhail. "We

had a 91-year-old man in a wheel chair and we had a baby still in the womb take part in the run."

Some of the participants at Acton's run were not born when Terry Fox ended his cross-country Marathon of Hope run near Thunder Bay in 1980. Ten months later, the 22-year-old from British Columbia died of cancer — Canada's number one killer. More than 3,000 runs were organized across the country this year, up from 2,800 in 1991. Nationally, \$7.5 million was raised by 500,000 participants last year.



HERE SHE IS! Heidi Dempsey, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at Acton High, was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair Friday night at the Community Centre. (Jim Warrington photo)

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