RSI fails to win Metro approval HIONHUS FIG.

By JANET BAINE Staff writer

Metro Toronto council decided not to send their garbage to the proposed Acton quarry landfill at a long meeting Wednesday night, Dec.

"(Reclamation Systems Inc.'s proposal) was rejected because it didn't meet three of the criteria," said Shaun Hewitt, senior budget and operations analyst with Metro Toronto.

First, the Acton site has not made it through the province's approval process to become an approved site. Second, the joint RSI and Harkow Recycling Inc. proposal only considered the Acton quarry as a short-term site, while another location was going to be the longterm landfill site. Hewitt said he didn't know why the Acton quarry was only being considered in the short term.

Third, Metro council didn't know if the company had the experience and capability to manage a landfill site, since details of their experience in this area weren't provided, he said.

Instead, Metro council endorsed the short-list of four of the nine proposals it received in response to a request for private sector proposals. The short-listed proposals came from City Management Corporation, Waste Management of Canada Inc., Laidlaw Waste Systems Ltd. and Rail Cycle North.

As far as this process is concerned the RSI proposal is history, Hewitt said.

RSI president Walter Graziani said that while Metro has rejected the proposal, he is still hopeful the Acton quarry will be used as a landfill site. Right now RSI is waiting for a judge's decision on a lawsuit against the provincial government and former Ontario premier Bob Rae. The company contends in the lawsuit the government was negligent. Graziani doesn't know when the decision will be made.

"We were told it would be a month and it's been four, so I don't know," he said.

Graziani said he didn't want to discuss any other plans his company has for the Acton quarry.

"We think Metro made a very wise decision because it was a totally inappropriate site," said Barbara Halsall of Protect Our Environmental Water and

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total of \$3,416 was collected

previous year.

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per cent over last year.

Resources (POWER), a Halton Hills environmental group. She said her group is delighted, but doesn't

"Until the paper work is out of the system, until we get rehabilitation of the site, (the possibility of a landfill site at the Acton quarry) is always there. Walter Graziani is not saying they'e throwing in the towel," she said.

Rita Landry said her group, Furiously Opposed to All Dumping (FOAD) was prepared to protest at the Metro Toronto committee meeting on Dec. 13 over the issue, but because FOAD was told RSI didn't make a presentation during their allotted time Dec. 7, the protest was called off.

"I don't mind protesting if I think it can accomplish something, but I don't want to protest for nothing," Landry said. She called the outcome wonderful.

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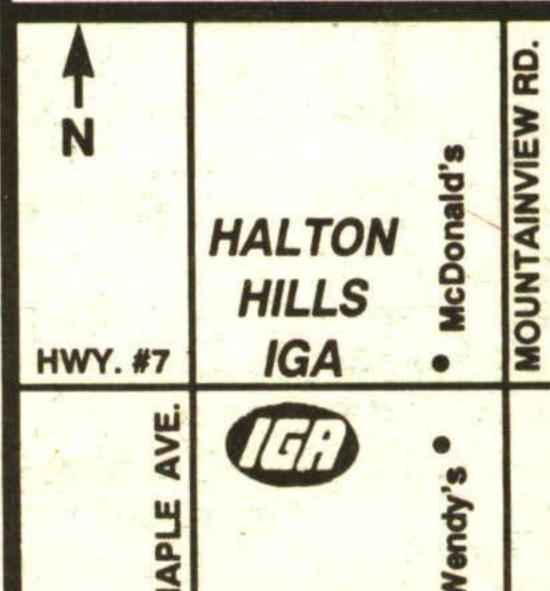
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