

# Halton Hills Council asked to oppose proposed Peel landfill sites

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Three of the 21 proposed sites for a landfill to serve Peel Region will seriously impact on Halton Hills and yet town residents are not fully aware of the proximity of the sites and what it could mean if one of them is chosen as a future dump, a local couple say.

David and Pamela Soward, are a Halton Hills couple whose home is

within 500 metres of the three proposed sites, on the east side of Winston Churchill Road, south of Mayfield Road.

"I don't think Halton Hills residents realize they (the proposed dumpsites) are that close," Mrs. Soward said.

"They should really be called the Georgetown/Credit River Valley dumpsites, rather than proposed

sites for the Peel landfill," David Soward said Monday during an interview with Halton Hills This Week.

The couple said that it was only after looking at topographical maps, detailing the location of rivers and streams in the area, that they came to realize what the full impact of a landfill could be on the local population and environment,

The Sowards have written a letter to Halton Hills Council asking for council's support in their opposition to the selection of any of the three nearby sites as a landfill. Council was to consider the request at its meeting, Monday night.

The plea for council's support was accompanied by a letter which the couple sent to the Interim Waste Authority (IWA), a Crown corpo-

ration which will eventually select one site as the Peel landfill.

After wading through several documents provided by the IWA and topographical maps supplied by the Credit River Valley Conservation Authority, the rural Halton couple are convinced that the sites bordering their home should be dropped from the list of

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## Dog Days



Doug Turner's dog Sammy enjoys a taste of ice cream outside the Georgetown Ice cream shop bearing his name. Sammy along with store employees was celebrating the official opening of the shop Saturday.

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## Residents critical of Food Bank

A 26-name petition from Faludon Drive area residents has asked Halton Hills Municipal Council to re-consider the permanent status of the Love In Christ Food Bank portable on Mountainview Road, unless something is done to make the building "more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood." Complaining about "a loss in property values" to homes in the area and calling the portable behind Mountainview Baptist Church, "an eyesore," Faludon Drive resident Bill Reid told council Monday that "certain standards" in building appearance should be followed to ensure that buildings "fit in with the neighborhood."

Reid said he recognizes that the Food Bank is "a good cause," but he and other residents in the area remain "concerned about the actual appearance of the building." He also complained about lack of notice to residents about the placement of the portable behind the church and spoke of the importance of "good neighbors" who maintain their homes and buildings to complement the general appearance of the neighborhood.

In presenting the petition to council, Reid said it was signed by residents of Faludon Drive and Comset Gate, as well as by one resident of

Mountainview Road. While Mayor Russ Miller suggested some staff involvement, subsequent presentations to council indicated that the food bank and neighbors would work together to resolve their differences.

Council also heard from two women who defended the Food Bank. Laura Ellison, director of the Bank which provides food for more than 900 clients, apologized to council for the neighborhood concerns brought before them, but said she wasn't aware there were any problems until last Thursday. "I'm truly sorry this matter has had to be brought before you. If we had had previous knowledge of the problems our neighbors were having, we would have done everything possible to come to an equitable compromise," she told council.

Ellison said there were two reasons for delays in painting the portable and completing landscaping work around the building—the predominantly rainy weather of recent weeks and the dependence of the Food Bank on volunteer labour. However, she indicated that some landscaping has been recently completed and further improvements are expected to be undertaken soon, now that the Food Bank has got

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## Youth charged with stealing car

A 14-year-old Georgetown youth has been charged following a joyride in his grandfather's car.

According to Halton Regional Police at 11 Division, sometime Sunday afternoon a Joycelyn Crescent youth took his grandfather's 1983 Chevrolet Chevette and went for a drive.

At about 3:20 p.m. the vehicle drove into the ditch in front of a Carruthers Road apartment building. When the driver tried to flee the scene, a resident of the apartment apprehended him and held him until police arrived.

The youth has been charged with taking a vehicle without consent and theft over \$1,000. He is set to appear in a Milton Court August 21.

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