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## Kinda fishin'



## Town fires first potential landfill battle

By Dianne Cornish

With a minimum of discussion, Halton Hills Council took swift action Monday night to ensure that the Ontario government and the Interim Waste Authority (IWA) are aware of the Town's concerns with the IWA's landfill search process.

Reacting to the identification of three candidate landfill locations for Peel Region abutting the east border of Halton Hills, council has asked that Premier Bob Rae be invited to meet with council to discuss Ontario's landfill policies and the IWA's landfill search procedures. Also invited to attend the meeting are Environment Minister Ruth Grier, IWA authorities and Halton North MPP Noel Duignan.

While Councillor Rick Bonnette expressed doubt that top government officials would accept the invitation, Councillor Gerald Rennie remarked: "This is our opening volley. Let's see what kind of response it draws."

"It seems that we're doomed to fight landfill sites," Mayor Russ Miller remarked, referring to the town's long battle with plans to establish a dumpsite in the Acton Quarry.

He indicated that it "looks like" the town could be facing yet another landfill site battle, with the attendant costs to local taxpayers, over the Peel landfill proposal. It won't be known until the end of September whether any of the local candidate sites on the east side of Winston Churchill Boulevard, north of Norval, will be put on the IWA's short list of sites.

A total of 21 sites have been

identified in Peel Region.

"It's very cheeky of the government" to identify sites on the town's border, Councillor Bonnette said, indicating that the Town has fought its share of landfill battles and doesn't want to face the cost of another Environmental Assessment hearing.

"It really burns me; we can't afford it," Bonnette added.

Council received a report about the potential impact of having a landfill site located on the town's border. The report, prepared in cooperation with the town's planning staff by Toronto consultants, Thomson and Rogers, was openly critical of the way the IWA has handled the site selection process.

The report, put together by the town's director of planning Ian Keith and consultant Stephen D'Agostino, said: "Our review of the screening criteria, and in particular those criteria related to land use and social impact, make it apparent that no meaningful consideration was given to the Town of Halton Hills legitimate planning concerns."

The report suggests that the impact of the adjacent landfill locations on Halton Hills and Norval, just 1.8 kilometres south of the proposed site, wasn't given sufficient consideration by the IWA.

Even though impact zones of the three sites extend into Halton Hills by as much as one kilometre, "none of the IWA consultation meetings were held within the Town of Halton Hills," the report said.

## Homeowner upset over backyard drainage ditch

By Dianne Cornish

A Georgetown South homeowner is shaking his head in frustration and "getting migraines" because neither the Town of Halton Hills nor the developers of Fernbrook Homes are willing to do anything about a three-foot ditch at the back of his Craig Crescent home.

Bino Dalli told Halton Hills This Week that he has forbidden his

five-year-old son Bradley and three-year-old daughter Trisha from playing in the backyard because he "fears for their safety."

The drainage ditch, which contains a metal grate on Dalli's property, was excavated early in June. Dalli immediately wrote a letter to the town's development officer Doug Morris complaining about the ditch.

The letter, dated June 9, said, in part: "...we still have many concerns as to the culvert that is being excavated in our backyard to accommodate a drainage system for all the homes backing on to the "Greenbelt" adjacent to Mountainview Road. We have been informed, that in a heavy rain, our backyard could easily be flooded,

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## Man stares at sunbather

Halton Regional Police are looking for a man after a Prospect Park sunbather found that someone was using a pair of binoculars to stare at her.

According to a police report, the 27-year-old swimsuit clad sun worshipper was lying between baseball diamonds at the park around 12:30 p.m., when she "noticed a male party staring at her with binoculars."

The woman "became uncomfortable with this, put on her shorts and top" and then left the park on foot.

Police say the man followed her for about two blocks and then vanished.

Police are looking for a 40-year-old male white. The man has a slim build, short brown hair and no facial hair.

At the time of the incident he was wearing thick black-rimmed glasses, no shirt, blue jeans and a florescent yellow baseball cap. He was also wearing white runners.

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