

# Possibility of Site A garbage location looms

By Jim Robinson  
Despite its momentous implications, discussion on implementing Site A as a future Halton regional landfill site has started off with caution. Both the region and National Sewer Pipe, owners of the 200-acre shale quarry in Burlington, have much to gain from any agreement, but such an agreement clearly is not going to come without both sides being certain they aren't going to get burned. One of those still with singled fingers is Milton Mayor Don Gordon who told the Solid Waste Management committee "all costs shall be borne by National Sewer Pipe. "If National Sewer Pipe doesn't like it, then, they can go home. "I don't want another Site F. I don't want any wheeling and dealing behind the scenes. "I want everything to

be right out in front, on the table right from the start," he said. "I know Kelly New (the firm's owner)" he said. "He's a millionaire. "Now guys like that are always a mile ahead of you. "The New family didn't get to be the seventh richest in Canada by accident." National Sewer Pipe which once warned the region to "stay well clear of our lands" has told committee the shale quarry, despite its huge size, has severe limitations. Shale in the pit is extractable to a depth of about 50 feet. After that it becomes progressively harder and uneconomical to remove. For its part, the region is in need of a landfill site. The Georgetown dump closes in four weeks. The Oakville landfill site is

slated for possible termination this year. Burlington is the only operating landfill site with any future. But, it is also limited. Site F, the proposed dump in Milton, is being contested by the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group. Site A has a lot going for it and that was the reason it was the region's first choice until National Sewer Pipe said any deal was out of the question. It is bordered by two landfill sites. On the east is the closed Bayview landfill site, and on the west is the current region landfill site. On the north is the escarpment and on the south is Hwy. 403. There are no private homes or private users of groundwater. In short, Site A is isolated. At the meeting of the Solid Waste Management committee on Friday, National Sewer Pipe exe-

cutive vice-president Bud Christenson said the firm had come with a plan that was purely conceptual. "I know you really can't say 'yes' this will be a landfill site. "All we went is some kind of approval in principle so we can go ahead," he said. National Sewer Pipe brought with it experts in landfill and hydrogeology who introduced a rough diagram of the 200 acre National site and explained the problems of shale extraction at the quarry. At roughly the centre, is a 68-acre parcel that the firm wants to use as the landfill site. It has been sub-divided into four "landfill cells" which could be used consecutively or concurrently. The plan calls for National Sewer Pipe to extract shale from the area simultaneously with garbage dumping. The garbage would not be covered so that resource recovery, when it begins, would be made easier. It was felt by the consultants "dumping of waste doesn't impair the use of the site for the extraction of the shale resource." It is estimated the cells can accommodate up to three million tons of garbage for the next 10 to 14 years. Brian Beatty of Morrison Beatty told the committee he has already sunk a "nest" of test wells to check leachate (garbage contaminants in the water table) and had made preliminary findings. He found the chlorine content to be the highest he had ever seen from a landfill site. He tempered this by saying that it probably came from the Bayview site which is typical in that landfill areas show high chlorine contents 10 years after closure and then subside. He stated an expansion of the leachate system would be desirable because the leachate would probably not go much deeper than the 50 foot shale limit. Not only is shale too hard to extract at that level, it is also hard enough to resist leachate passing through to lower levels. Mr. Beatty said he sees the southerly limit of the National Sewer cells being about 500 metres from Hwy. 403. The mention that regional staff and National Sewer Pipe had already talked about an expanded pipe to handle increased leachate,

prompted Gordon to make his statements about "wheeling and dealing" and that any costs must be borne by National Sewer Pipe. Milton Councillor Bill Johnson said he wants the firm to look at the possibility of baling and compacting garbage so that it extends the life of the site. Halton Hills Councillor Russ Miller agreed with the idea of baling despite the initial cost which might have to be borne by the region.

He said he would prefer such a system be used at Georgetown. This would enable residents to bring garbage to the compacting site instead of throwing it out of a car window along rural roads. Regional chairman Jack Raftis pressed for a commitment on resource recovery from the firm. Mr. Christenson said the firm is looking into all forms of resource recovery at this time but only on a preliminary level.

"It's going to come, no question, but we want to look at it," he said. "We can't say yes today on garbage separation and a resource recovery station on site," he said. Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkeewich, a proponent of waste separation, said he wants it done. "It will take significantly less garbage if there is resource recovery." The meeting ended with a recommendation to regional council to appoint Professor John Cherry to act as an independent consultant to look into the groundwater effects of using Site A.



CORN COB CAPERS are fun at Mountsberg Conservation Centre, as these girls discover. Kathy Chisholm, Suzanne Collett, Janice Wright, Vimala Naidoo, and Jane Parkin watch as apples dropped into the crusher are turned into apple cider. The girls also took an old-fashioned hay-ride, as well as the many other activities available.

—Sunday, Sept. 30 was Ontario Hiking Day and Bruce Trail Club members held a special hike in the Limehouse area.



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## PROCLAMATION

We hereby proclaim the week of October 7th-13th, 1979 inclusive as "Fire Prevention Week" in the Town of Milton.

Donald F. Gordon, Mayor

## Firemen have open house

This year's Fire Prevention Week open house at Milton Fire Hall will be an all-day plus evening affair, Friday, Oct. 12.

Fire Chief Jim Coulson said the Central Fire Station on Steeles Ave. will be open to visitors all day, 9 to 5, plus 7 to 9 Friday evening. Films will be shown, equipment will be demonstrated and literature will be given out.

A special demonstration in the evening will feature a rescue tool used to cut apart wrecked autos. The fire department is currently trying

to raise at least \$8,000 to buy one, and is trying out several models. The tool will be demonstrated indoors.

The Campbellville sub-station No. 2 won't have an open house this year. Instead, the firefighters plan to go door to door in the village with literature, and will be asking people if they are interested in a home inspection program. If enough interest is shown, the substation will do an inspection program later.

Next Tuesday, Oct. 9 is the night set aside for the door to door calls in Campbellville.

## Board puts ceilings on overtime facilities

The cost of caretakers employed over the weekends for recreation programs in public schools will have to be picked up by the individual municipalities for any increased usage over 1978 and the same with board usage of municipal services, according to changes in the existing Community Use of Schools agreement.

At the regular meeting of the Halton Board of Education, Trustee Bill Priestner said the use of schools for recreation programs during premium caretaker wage hours is costing the school board. "There is a growing imbalance of funds with the school board subsidizing recreation programs in four communities. We are here to pay for education, not recreation," he said.

Priestner told the board there have been several meetings held of the Community Schools Administration committee in each of the municipalities. The purpose of the meetings was

to correct this imbalance. The modifications were accepted by the Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills requested that the old agreement be kept without any of the proposed modifications. Mr. Priestner said since 1969 no dollars have been paid by neither the board nor the municipality. Services provided by the Town were given free in lieu of board facilities.

The major concern for the board administration was the potential rise in the use of board facilities at times when premium rates of pay must be paid to the caretakers and yet no compensating increase in services was available from the municipality.

The board accepted the recommendations that ceilings be placed on the use of Board Facilities by means of assessing the recreation for any costs incurred for caretaker's wages resulting from an increase in the use of board facilities over those in June of 1978. These generally are

premium costs for caretakers on weekends. Similar assessments will be placed on the school board if they exceed the 1978 use pattern.

The basic idea of the modification is the keep the old agreement of no charge for use of facilities, but assessing the municipality or school board for the balance of the extra costs for premium hours.

It was recommended the program department for the board review the uses by students of municipal services. "The schools should make use of their own facilities as well as the recreation's, in particular the arenas. They should make sure the uses are made by the students to enhance the school program, not just for the sake of education. We should do the things that should be done not the things we would like to do," Priestner said.

The municipalities were also asked by the board to review their costing figures for services rendered and especially rental rate for arenas.

## Lung association offers asthma course

The Halton Lung Association is continuing to offer a "Family Asthma Program" for the Halton community.

All children with asthma and their parents are urged to attend.

The child will participate in a physical conditioning program including one hour of instructive swimming, breathing and relaxation techniques that will enable him to cope with and manage his problem.

The parent will be involved in an educational program including presentations by asthma specialists in the medical, pharmaceutical, dietary and physical fitness fields.

The Halton Lung Association welcomes all children who suffer in any degree from this disease. There is no age limit. The program is under the medical direction of Dr. R.W.T. Haddon of Burlington and developed by Mrs. Susan Alcock, physiotherapist-consultant of the Halton Lung Association.

The Halton Lung Association offers this program free of charge to the community and is able to do this through community support of their Christmas Seal Campaign.

Courses are: Oakville—White Oaks School, 7 to 9 Friday evenings, begin Oct. 12, end Nov. 30. Georgetown—Georgetown District High School, 10 to 11:30 Saturday mornings, begin Oct. 6, end Dec. 1. Burlington—Burlington

Family Y, 6:15 to 7:45 Monday evenings, begin Oct. 15, end Dec. 3. Please call the office of the Halton Lung Association, 827-7973 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or Burlington 527-4688 after 5 p.m. for registration information.

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