

SPIN still rolling along seven years after starting



GLASS AND METAL were collected Saturday morning at Campbellville Masonic Hall at SPIN. Stewart Brown has dropped off a load of refuse and Clara Black is seen assembling the rest of the day's haul.

After seven years of monthly garbage collecting SPIN is still going strong. SPIN stands for Stop Pollution in Nassagaweya, and once a month, Nassagaweyans bring their old news- paper, glass and metal to three depots so the garbage can be recycled. This has been going on at Campbellville, Brookville and Eden Mills on the first Saturday of each month for the past seven years.

"Once we had to change the day," said June Andrews, SPIN coordinator. "One year, January 1 was a Saturday, so we changed it rather than work on New Year's Day."

Mrs. Andrews said the continuity of dates has helped people remember the depots are open and encouraged them to come in. The three depots are Campbellville's Masonic Hall, Brookville Com-

unity Hall and Eden Mills Community Hall. The Campbellville Women's Institute operates the depots and is the backbone behind SPIN, said Mrs. Andrews. People bringing garbage are asked to sort their glass into colored and clear, and to squash their metal cans, by removing the top and bottom. Mrs. Andrews said the venture has not been a financial success because the Town of Mil-

ton gets the money. She said the town sends "a large truck" to each depot to pick up the garbage, and the amount collected fills it. She said the town stores the garbage until it can be taken to a recycling plant. The town gets whatever money it can from the garbage. She said SPIN has been keeping a low profile lately, because it hasn't had time to promote itself. "There are a lot of new

families in Nassagaweya, and we could get them to join us, I suppose, but we'd have to go around to homes and do an advertising campaign and we just don't have the bodies to do that," she said. She noted people from outside Nassagaweya have started to bring in their garbage for recycling. People have come from as far away as Milton, north Burlington and Hornby to deliver recyclables, she said.

Tax relief is sought

A tax burden on the former township of Nassagaweya is causing Milton Council to consider an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board for relief. The 1979 school tax levy in Halton, in the opinion of Milton Council, imposes too heavy a burden on Nassagaweya taxpayers. Earlier this year, Council filed an appeal with the Halton Board of Arbitrators. This appeal is becoming an annual event, having been made each year for the past 10 years. The board of Arbitrators consisting of Regional Treasurer Don Farmer and the treasurers of the four

area municipalities; Don Lougheed, Milton; Bob Rooks, Burlington; Roy King, Halton Hills; and Harry Henderson, Oakville, turned down Milton's appeal.

In 1977 and 1978, the Board accepted Milton's appeal and ordered a reduction in the Nassagaweya tax load. The other parts of Milton and the region paid the money Nassagaweya was going to. At Monday's meeting of Milton Council, Mr. Lougheed said the decision by the Board of Arbitrators could be appealed to the OMB, but "it would involve considerable expense." He estimated it would cost around \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Councillor Don McMillan said Nassagaweya was paying \$160,000 more than it should. He said the former township was paying 24.07 per cent of Milton's share of the education levy. He said it should be paying 20.79 per cent. The difference, he said, amounted to about \$160,000.

Council voted to ask Mr. Lougheed and Mr. McMillan to meet with Mayor Don Gordon and Noel Bates, a lawyer, and discuss the possible appeal to the OMB.

Mr. Lougheed said the results of the meeting would be reported to council, but would probably be done in an "in camera" meeting.

Regional treasurer supports United Way

There is growing support at the Halton Regional level for a Halton-wide United Way Appeal.

Recently, the Health and Social Services Committee requested each municipality respond on how it wanted to handle the dispensing of regional grants to charitable organizations and groups.

While most want to keep the same procedures, Milton Town Council has recently passed a bylaw supporting a Halton United Way.

In a report, Regional Treasurer Don Farmer said there is a United Way in Oakville and Burlington but nothing in Milton and Halton Hills. "If there were a United Way throughout Halton, this would address some of the concerns of the committee on funding of social service agencies, because some agencies must look to municipal grants as a source of social funding where United Way is not available." The committee has now expressed support of a region-wide appeal.

Dumping fee up pay for Site F

Regional Public Works Committee is recommending council approve an almost 40 per cent increase in tippage fees at regional landfill sites.

This is necessary to pay for the cost of the region fighting Site F, which councillor Bill Johnson says "is going to cost us \$3 million or more."

Even Public Works Director Bob Moore was surprised by the increase, and asked for an explanation.

It had been expected the current tippage fee (the charge to dump truck loads at the site) would be raised from the Current \$6.50 per ton to \$8.50 per ton effective Jan. 1, 1980.

In a report to public works committee Wednesday, Regional Treasurer Don Farmer said \$9.50 would be needed "for the preparation and submission of all related engineering and legal costs incurred to date and expected to be incurred for the Environmental Assessment Board Hearing in respect to Site F."

He also said part of the increase would be required to cover the costs of landfill site expansion; and to pay for "free fill" which is now not coming and which the region will have to purchase.

It was suggested the major increase in monies could be raised by upping the mill rate, but Mr. Farmer said the tippage fee increase would be the best way to go because the money would go direct to the region which will be footing (at taxpayers' expense) the cost of the Site F fight without raising property taxes. It was pointed out tippage fees in other municipalities are as high as \$12-\$15 per ton.

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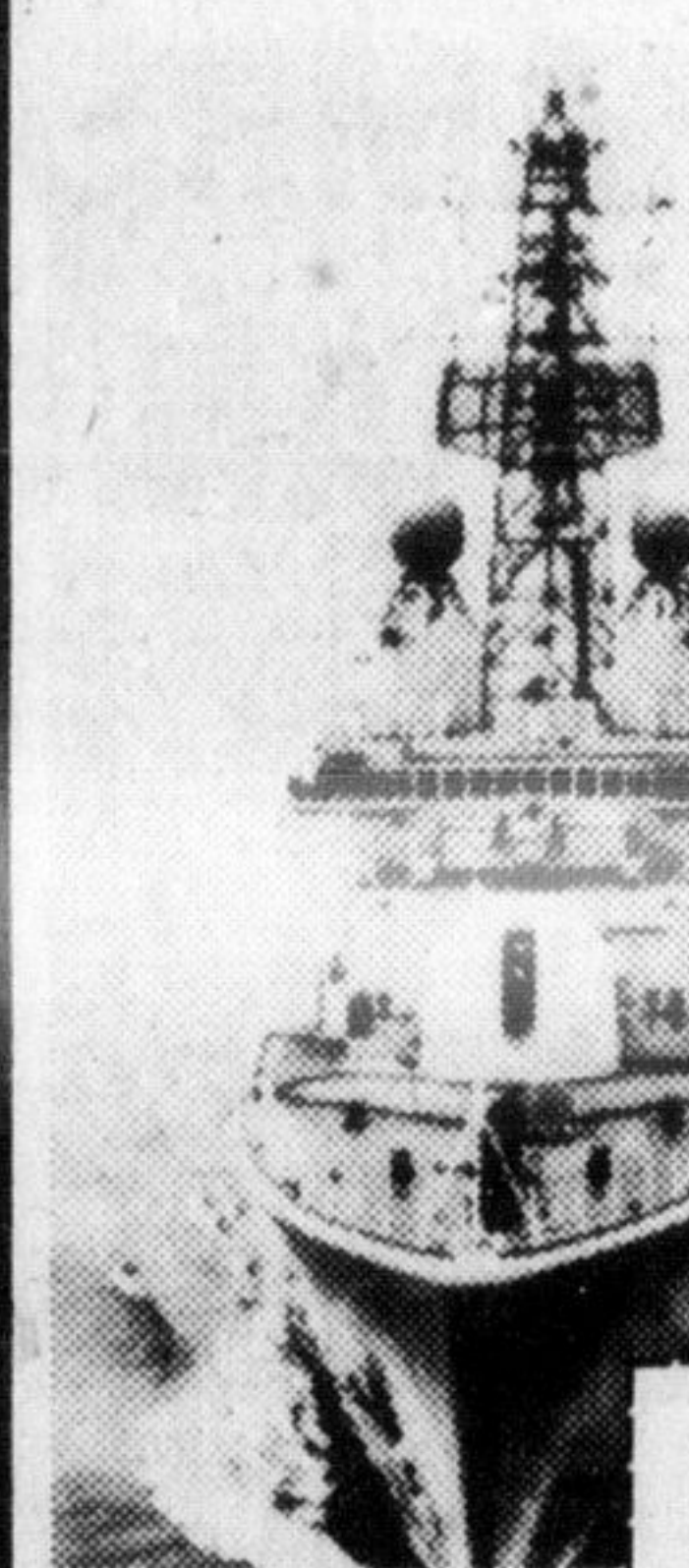
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