

Region opts to aid CAS

Regional Council will try to find \$8,400 from its 1979 operating budget to help the Halton Children's Aid Society through the group's current fiscal problem.

The CAS has been, along with all other societies in Ontario, petitioning Ontario Community and Social Services Minister Keith Norton for the difference between what the CAS has spent in 1979 and what the Ministry paid out.

The difference in Halton is \$150,000 and the Halton CAS is being told the money will probably not be forthcoming.

In the meantime a meeting has been set up with the CAS executive and Halton area MPPs to try to re-

solve the problem.

At last Wednesday's regular council meet, the Health and Social Services Committee recommended the Region advance \$8,400 (the regional share of the commitment) to the CAS, for the operating budget.

Committee chairman Walter Mulkevic said the Region has a stake in making sure the Halton CAS continues to operate.

Regional Chairman Jack Raftis announced he has had a meeting with Oakville MPP Jim Snow and there will be a meeting with Mr. Norton and all the CAS groups in the province to try to find the \$5 million the societies need to meet their 1979 expenditures.

Tremaine—Britannia regroups

The Ontario Cabinet's decision to allow the establishment of Site F in Milton was only round seven of a 15 round fight, according to a spokesman for the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group.

"We're past the stage of being disheartened by one of these decisions," said David Katz, spokesman for the Group, which has been a long-time, strong and vocal opponent to Site F's establishment.

"The ultimate goal of this thing is there will

never be a Site F. It may be round seven but it's a 15 rounder."

At a press conference at the proposed landfill site in Milton last summer, legal representative for the Group, David Estrin vowed, despite the OMB or Cabinet decisions, it would be 1987 before Site F could come on stream since individual members of the Group would take legal action and tie the issue up in the courts for years.

The Group's members will meet with Estrin sometime this week to formulate a strategy to

deter Site F's establishment. Katz said it's likely that individual suits will be filed.

"That's a step that will take place if necessary," he said. "My wife and I are absolutely adamant. We'll certainly take that action."

Katz added that 95-year-old Bessie Smith, whose house will be surrounded by the dump on three sides, "is not about to buckle under."

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I think there was enough position from Tremaine-Britannia and the Milton people that the

Cabinet should have overturned it (the OMB decision)."

However, Katz sees a partial victory in the Cabinet decision since they did not rule out Site A in Burlington as satisfying the region's long-term landfill requirements.

"It certainly could be considered a partial victory," he said. "We feel that in the long run the region will have to take a look at Site F and Site A jointly and the Environmental Assessment Board will have to weigh it.

So it could be considered a partial victory but it doesn't say you must consider Site A as an alternative."



WOODLAND TRAILS was the scene on the weekend of a camp-out. Approximately 60 Oakville-area cubs and scouts pitched their tents and huddled together against the cold temperatures. Steve Chevalier,

Dave Wood and Robbie Collum, of 2nd Bronte Scout Troop take down the tent in which they spent the weekend. The straw underneath helped insulate the tent.

Betty Kennedy hosts Heritage Week

Broadcaster Betty Kennedy will help co-host Halton's Heritage Week at a special presentation Feb. 22 in the Halton Regional headquarters.

Regional Chairman Jack Raftis said the presentation is jointly sponsored with the Halton Region Conservation Authority and will feature displays highlighting the work of both agencies in preserving historical sites in Halton.

The public is invited to the Feb. 22 presentation at the Region which will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Town Site F review

By Peter Mills

The town is still pondering its options regarding what to do about Site F.

The proposed sanitary landfill at the corner of Tremaine Rd. and Britannia Rd. was given the blessing of the provincial Cabinet last week as an order-in-council was unveiled at a regional council meeting.

After a closed meeting Monday night, Milton Council referred the issue to the town's technical committee for full study and consideration of alternatives.

The report is not expected to be handed back to council for at least three weeks, according to acting clerk-co-ordinator Roy Main, who is also chairman of the technical committee.


Among the alternatives available to the town is the hearing before the Environmental Assessment Board. The Cabinet, in making its decision, anticipated such a hearing, but approved Site F pending the out-

come of the hearing so that the region could have its options open.

"It seems important to Cabinet that the Regional Council should have a number of alternative options to meet its immediate and medium-term needs concerning

sanitary landfill sites," said a statement approved by Cabinet, accompanying the Order-in-Council.


The Environmental Assessment Board has the authority to overturn a Cabinet decision, but has done so only once.



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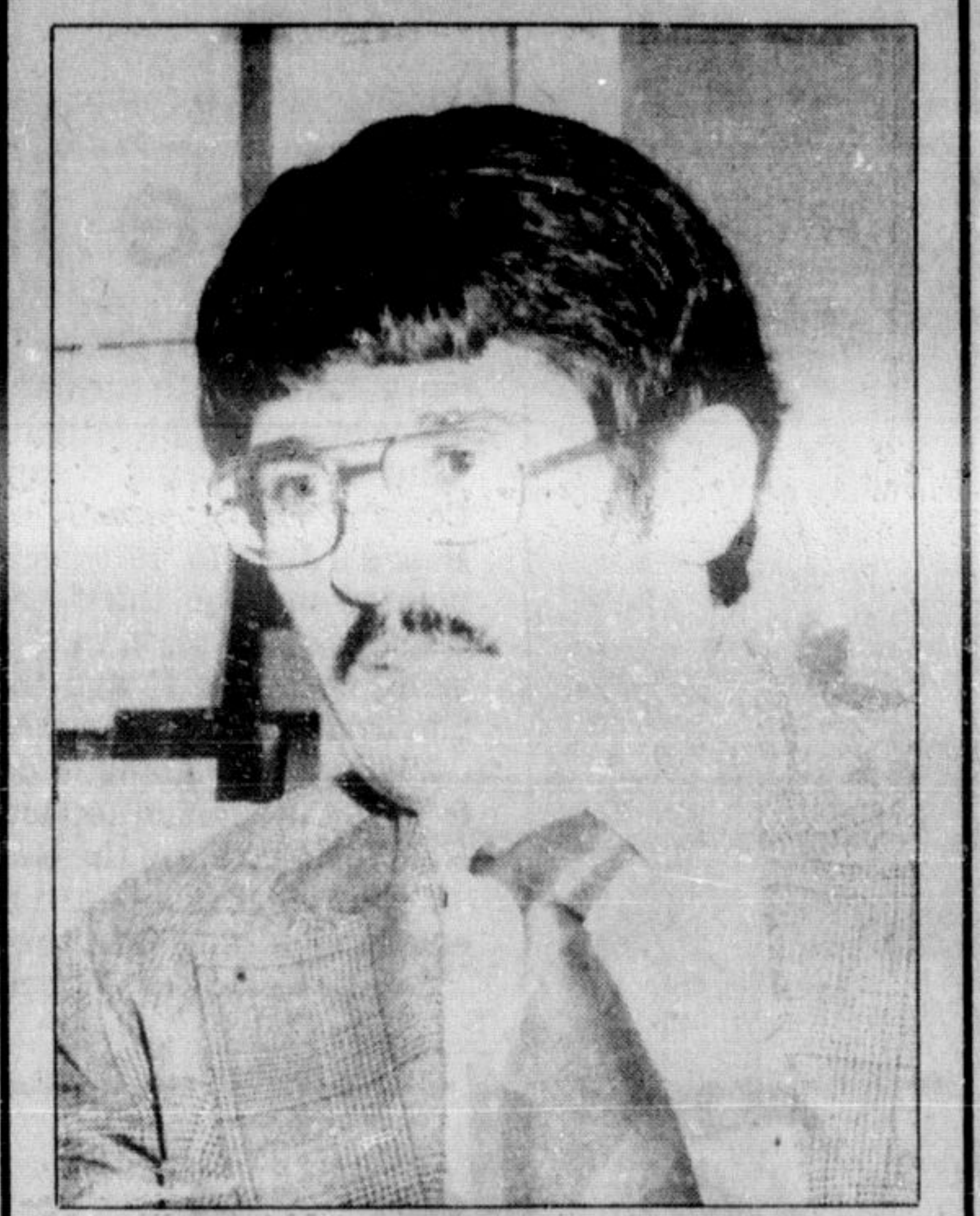
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