

# Milton dump decision coming 'before Christmas' Parrott says



Dr. Harry Parrott

By Jim Robinson  
The Champion has learned a decision on which provincial regulations will be used in a hearing on using 246 acres of land in Milton for a dump site will be made by Christmas.

Prior to speaking to a Halton Regional conference on waste refuse separation Friday, Ontario Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrott said he would be announcing within the month whether an Environmental Assessment Board would hear testimony under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) or the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).

"The worst way to deny justice is to delay justice," he said. Dr. Parrott said he has reviewed some of the data sent to him on the question of which environmental legislation will be used when the 246 acres of land at Tremaine and Britannia Rds. is discussed as Halton Region's next landfill site.

The hearing was to have started Oct. 15 using the rules of the EPA, but this was successfully blocked with a court injunction by the Town of Milton asking that the hearing proceed under the EAA.

The EPA, under which the Region has prepared its case, deals only with the particular site and its environmental qualities; the EAA, a newer piece of legislation and the one Milton desires, covers the entire region and all impacts—social, economic and environmental.

Dr. Parrott said that, should the hearing proceed under the EAA, it will be the first time it has been used in regards to a garbage dump.

He did say that in studying some of the information to date, he has noted that Site F, as the Milton site is known, contains a number of "unique features" in regards to his decision.

He said Site F has "been in process so long" and there are no other dump sites in Ontario "in a pending state." He said that it was therefore necessary for him to make a decision soon.

Following Milton's successful injunction, a Supreme Court of Ontario Justice ruled that Mr. Parrott would have to make the decision of whether the EPA or EAA is used and this was later upheld by three justices in an appeal of the Oct. 15 decision by Halton Region.

Dr. Parrott set a Nov. 3 deadline for written submissions regarding both acts to be sent to him and he confirmed he accepted no verbal submissions.

At present his staff is going over these submissions and the staff will then be advising the Minister on which course of action should be followed.

He said he might choose the legislation but he would not intend this to encumber the Environmental Assessment Board from hearing evidence it might want to hear.

Therefore Dr. Parrott might pick the EPA but the board could, at its choice, open up the latitude to hear other information such as the current state of progress in an application for a new dump in Burlington.

The Town of Milton and lawyer Fred Leitch are also known the Minister decide the hearing will proceed under the EPA.



One last pet

An animal "petting zoo" in the Milton Mall wound up Monday after a successful week. Just before the Llama was moved out of the mall, Bruce Leigh of Joyce Blvd. and his two-year-old son Jeffrey stopped off for one last pet.

## Burlington landfill report ready at Region Friday

The long-awaited hydrogeological suitability study of using the National Sewer Pipe lands in Burlington as a regional dump is expected this Friday.

Acting Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Perlin said the report prepared by noted hydrogeologist Dr. John Cherry will look at water runoff and leachate only; and cannot be expected to be a definitive report on the ability of the 200 acres of land to serve as a landfill site.

Mr. Perlin said the report might help council decide if the lands, also known as Site A, could be "Substituted for Site F", not used at all for garbage disposal, or "used complementary to Site F."

The report was authorized by Regional Council one year ago when the National Sewer Pipe appeared before the Public Works Committee to state it had changed its mind about holding back its lands from the region.

In the meantime, Halton Region is still awaiting a decision by Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrott on when, and under which legislation, and Environmental Assessment Board will hear evidence on using 246 acres of land at Tremaine and Britannia Rds., known as Site F, for a landfill site.

The hearing was to have started Oct. 15 on Site F, but the Town of Milton was successful in seeking an injunction.

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## Hope Mrs. Claus isn't jealous

Miss Canada 1981, Dominique Dufour, made her first public appearance of her one-year reign as a co-star with Santa, of the 1980 Milton Santa Claus Parade.

The 22-year-old Laval, Que., native will culminate her reign later next year when she will again return to Milton as part of Steam Era weekend.

## Authority moves money to clear up 1979 deficit

It took some budget cutting and financial manoeuvring, but Halton Region Conservation Authority has reduced a 1979 budget deficit of \$234,000 to just over \$40,000.

Members of the Authority's executive committee were presented with a report Thursday evening outlining budget cuts and measures taken to apply

These included levies of \$21,149 for repairs to the Morrison-Wedgewood Channel and \$3,622 for the Hager-Rambo Channel.

The Milgrove Channel Engineering project costing \$19,690 has a

\$10,000 grant owing from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The Authority also plans to cut back on advertising, photography and other related expenses in the daily

operation of conservation areas.

A property tax refund and proceeds of surplus property sales will also go towards the deficit.

Murray Stephen, general manager of the Authority, said he did not blame the auditing firm of chartered accountants Cheney, Glenn and Graydon for the deficit total, but he was critical of their procedures.

The 1979 audit was due in February, was delayed until June, and finally delivered in October.

Executive members agreed they will now seek another firm for the future.

"The audit report was due in March and not September," said Keith Bird.

"What assurances can we have that they will meet our deadline in 1981 and 1982?"

Staff problems within the accounting firm were listed as the cause behind the delay, but Authority members agreed they should not have to suffer as a consequence.

Mr. Stephen admitted part of the problem stemmed from the fact the Authority carried out different bookkeeping procedures to that of the accounting firm.

surpluses against the deficit.

Several projects, including a new entrance to Mountsberg and an improved look-out point for Rattlesnake Point, have been delayed.

Payments from both the province and area municipalities for Authority projects have now been collected and put against the debt.



The steel skeleton of the new Dominion Store at Laurier Centre is completed and the walls are going up. The new food store is expected to be opening in early May. Story and picture Pg. 8.

## Inside Today

### The pulse of newspaperdom

Two years ago he was Publisher of The Champion; today he's Executive Director of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. Jim Dills still has his finger on the pulse of newspapers, only the role is national, not local. See feature, Pg. 3.

### She heads Meals on Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program, which delivers hot meals to senior citizens and shut-ins two days a week, has a new co-ordinator. Mary Cooke took over this week. Pg. C4.

### It pays to recycle

A day-long seminar in Halton was dedicated to discussing the possibility of a source separation program for the region. Stories Pg. C8.

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## Milton voting count 'official'

The unofficial Milton municipal voting tally is now official and there is only one change from the results printed in The Champion last week.

The change is in the "no" votes on the Milton regional referendum question.

The unofficial total was 876 and the official total is 858.

The call for a recount by one Ward Two candidate, Tom Blanchard, could change the number of votes cast for him, but for now Town Hall states results are considered "official" pending any recount.

Milton Deputy Clerk Bill Roberts said Mr. Blanchard has 14 days from last Thursday to make an application to a judge for a recount. If that application is made, and approved, the town will be notified.

Mr. Roberts said no such notification has been received by press time.

## Taps for holiday?

Royal Canadian Legions in Halton will be asked their views concerning Remembrance Day as a school holiday.

Halton Board of Education decided last week to determine the views of the Legion branches before the board decides to join Hamilton in asking the province to keep Remembrance Day as a

regular school day rather than a holiday.

"I've had a fair amount of public support for the Hamilton resolution," Oakville trustee Ann Fairfield told board members.

Remembrance Day fell on a Tuesday this year, however, many of the Legion ceremonies honoring the nation's war dead took place on the previous Sunday.

"The Legion in Hamilton supported the attendance of students at school on November 11 since the main ceremony honoring the occasion is held on the Sunday prior to permit all citizens to participate," according to the Association of Large School Boards in Ontario.

Many of the Hamilton board members "felt that the day would be more suitably recognized if students remained in school and attended commemorative ceremonies."

## Planning consultants promise improvement report by April 1

By Jane Muller

With the Downtown Business Improvement Area's Main St. revitalization project nearing completion, planning consultants Barry Lyon and Peter Turner will pick up on the momentum and begin the foundation of an improvement scheme for the whole town.

The consultants were secured by Milton Civic Committee last month and will cover many aspects of the town in a study called Milton Civic Report to be completed April 1, 1981.

Milton Civic Committee in a meeting Monday night accepted a contract submitted by Lyon and Turner outlining the areas which the study will deal with. "We are not interested in producing a report which will sit on a shelf," assured Mr. Lyon.

The consulting team hope to act as a catalyst in the town offering ideas for improvements throughout Milton, covering both public and private sectors.

Mr. Lyon said of the report, "It's a good start but it would be a mistake if it stops there."

The first step in the project will take the consultants into the community to sample local feelings as to the future direction of the town.

Project aims have been broken down into five sections.

For the \$15,000 allotted by the town for the study, the consultants will submit an overall concept plan to assist the town in planning and promotion in the future. Methods of improving and ensuring the business community's health and vitality will also be

covered.

The planners will look at Milton's downtown business area and shopping malls and will assist property owners and merchants in improving their storefronts with the aid of sketches.

Campbellville's business area will receive treatment similar to the town's core business areas.

Milton's highway entrances will be examined and suggestions will be made to improve these to attract more attention to the town and better inform visitors and residents of the town's services and amenities.

"Milton has so much going for it but few people know of it," says Mr. Lyon.

One of the project's aims is to alleviate this problem which Lyon admits is typical of many towns.