

Couple threatens to sue Region over lagoon odour

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The Champion

A disgruntled resident has threatened to sue Halton Region unless an ongoing odour problem is immediately addressed.

Laurie and Allan Eagles appeared before Halton council Wednesday to once more state their grievances over an uncovered 12,500 dry ton outdoor wastewater storage lagoon at the W.A. Bill Johnson Biosolids Management Centre, located on Regional Road 25 near the Eagles' Burnhamthorpe Road home.

The pair have been battling the stink caused by hauling Toronto sludge into the lagoon since late 1999.

And though the contract with Toronto was

recently terminated, the Eagles said they would sue if the stink didn't end with it.

"I propose the Region has been negligent to me and my family, totally destroying our quality of life, our home we loved and our health," said Ms Eagles. "If my issues can't be resolved immediately I will have no option but to proceed with legal litigation against the Region of Halton, Azurix North America and the respective insurance companies."

Azurix North America Ltd. operates the biosolids centre for Halton Region.

Recently, it stored local sludge as well as that hauled in from Toronto. But though Halton biosolids are contained in closed tanks, the Toronto waste is kept in the open lagoon throughout the winters.

Ms Eagles said she and her family have suf-

fered from health problems and a sharply deteriorating quality of life due to the stink.

"This was a pilot project and my family became guinea pigs. This project has failed miserably," she said. "It has been detrimental to my family's health as our medical records show. The Region has made money. Azurix has made more money and I have lost everything."

Her presentation was followed up by one from Azurix President John Stokes. He said the Toronto contract has ended and Azurix has already begun removing loads of sludge from the lagoon, as instructed by the Ministry of Environment.

When an appropriate amount is removed, a membrane cover will be placed over the remaining sludge.

But he disputed the allegations that the lagoon

is a health risk and said that with the Toronto contract ended, the worst is over.

"This lagoon has been subject to a great deal of study. The program is operated under one of the strictest guidelines in the world," said Mr. Stokes. "I don't know what else we can do other than remove the source of complaint."

Shortly after their presentations, council went in camera to debate the potential litigation.

When it resumed in open session, council instructed Halton lawyers to meet with the Eagles' solicitor to hammer out a solution as a way to avoid legal action.

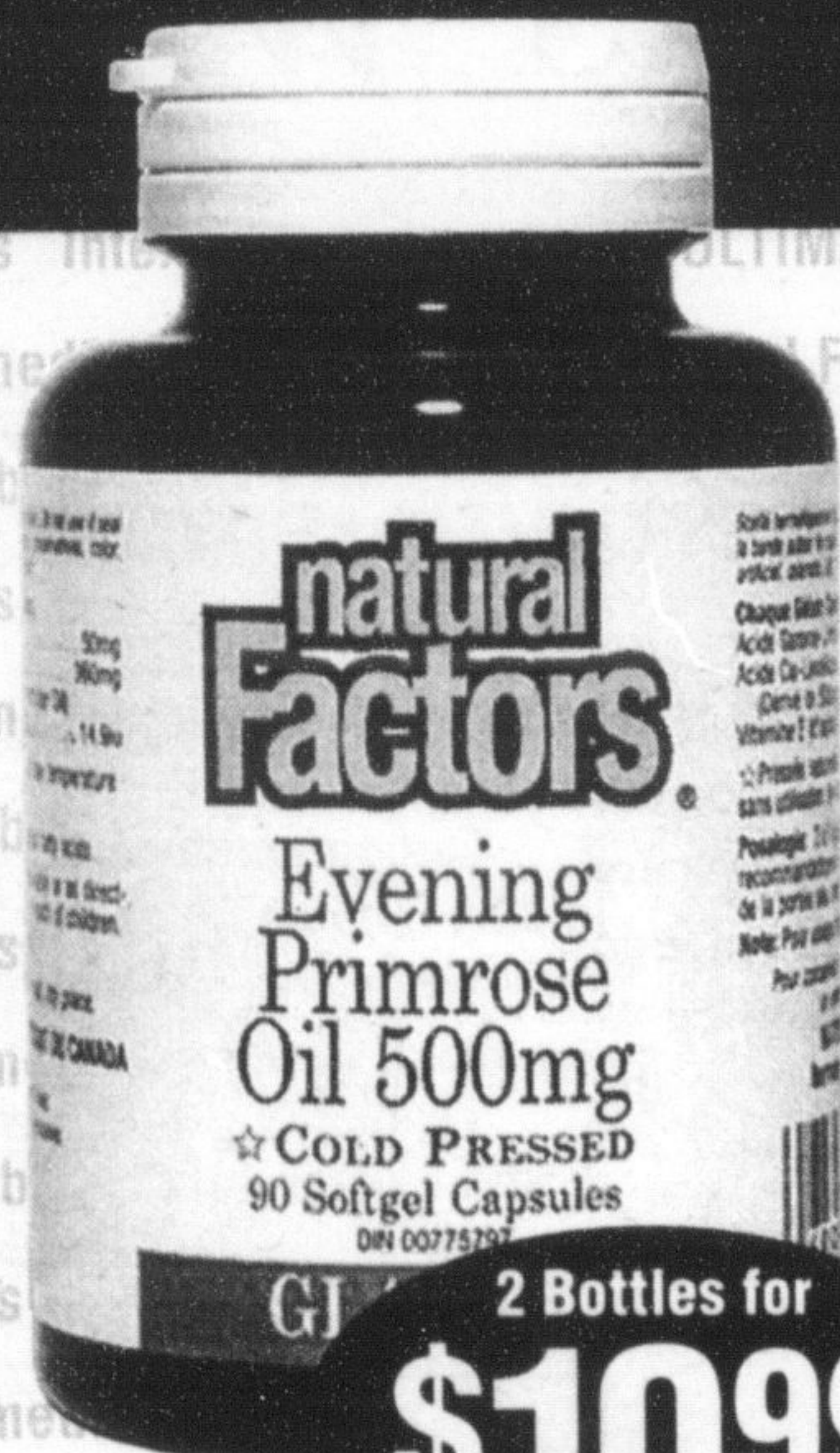
"We're in negotiation with the property owners to come to some mutual agreement on how to proceed," said Ms Savoline after the meeting. "We hope to know more after meeting with their solicitor."

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PLANNING ACT

NOTICE OF THE PASSING

OF ZONING BY-LAWS BY

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga passed By-laws 0039-2001, 0040-2001 and 0041-2001 on the 31st day of January, 2001, under Section 34 of the Planning Act R.S.O., 1990,c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-laws by filing with the Clerk of the City of Mississauga not later than the **27th day of February, 2001**, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a cheque in the amount of \$125.00 for each of the By-laws payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-laws:

By-law 0039-2001 to amend Zoning By-law 5500 (former Town of Mississauga),
By-law 0040-2001 to amend Zoning By-law 1227 (former Town of Port Credit), and
By-law 0041-2001 to amend Zoning By-law 65-30 (former Town of Streetsville) by:

- amending the definitions of "PARKING SPACE" and "AISLE";
- adding the definitions of "PARKING ANGLE", "PARALLEL PARKING SPACE" and "PARKING SPACE - DISABLED";
- amending the general provisions requiring parking and loading spaces to be provided and maintained on the same lot;

- amending the parking provisions designated for the disabled;
- adding minimum aisle width provisions to allow angled parking;
- enacting housekeeping amendments to sections of the Zoning by-laws by the foregoing.

Further information regarding these By-laws may be obtained from **Chye Lee Vun (905) 896-5535** of the Planning and Building Department.

Dated at Mississauga this 7th day of February, 2001

Arthur D. Grannum
City Clerk