

Pomeroy to spell out stand on garbage incinerator

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy has promised a written response to a local environmental group's concern over where the Region of Halton stands on the controversial issue of garbage incinerators.

Dr. Ken Landry, a member of Incineration Counteracts the Environment (ICE), wants Halton Region to categorically reject accepting other regions' waste for incineration.

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkewich suggested that Halton's position on the matter is quite clear.

Halton has a three-pronged approach, all components of which are in preliminary stages. The first is to join with a plan by St. Lawrence Cement to burn garbage as fuel in its Mississauga plant; the second is a joint venture to build an EFW plant with one or more Toronto area municipalities; the third is for Halton to go it alone and build its own small scale plant.

This latter step actually led to the formation of ICE after some residents were surprised to learn the Region had already set aside more than a dozen potential sites in Halton.

Halton Hills councillor Marilyn Sergeantson reminded Mr. Landry that Halton is required to investigate garbage incineration as part of the agreement allowing it to open its

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new Milton landfill.

Johnson slams meeting

Still with ICE, the group, which is clearly opposed to incineration, advertised a meeting last Thursday night as an opportunity to "get the facts about incineration."

Guest speakers were listed as Dr. Ellen Barr, professor of social sciences at York University and Tom Muir, an environmental economist.

However, Milton councillor Bill Johnson, a staunch supporter of incineration, said he was concerned the guest speakers "don't know what the hell they're talking about."

He urged the Region to host its own symposium "with people that know what the hell they're talking about."

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said a symposium is being planned for sometime in the new year.

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkewich, on the other hand, said the speakers have strong opinions,

which he doesn't necessarily agree with, but which are certainly welcome and helpful in the debate.

"I think it's very good these meetings are being held."

Suggestions for Rae

Halton Region has plenty of suggestions for Bob Rae in tackling the growing garbage crisis.

Some of the suggestions, approved by council Wednesday, include:

- Ensuring landfill approvals can be received within five years by simplifying red tape.

- Advising municipalities about how they can meet ambitious provincial recycling goals now in place.

- Enacting legislation to encourage the use of reusable containers, to limit disposable products; to reduce packaging and require packaging to be recyclable; to ban packaging that cannot be reused or recycled economically.

- Placing responsibility for wastes produced on the providers of goods and services.

He's batting .500

Burlington councillor Walter Mulkewich is batting .500 in waste disposal proposals.

He received council's backing for a suggestion to form a citizen's recy-

cling advisory committee. Staff was instructed to report back with the terms of reference.

However, another suggestion to combine all waste management responsibilities under one roof — either at the regional or local town level — was shuffled off to a special committee reviewing the make-up of regional government.

Presently, waste management is split between the two tiers of local government. For instance, municipal government is responsible for collecting garbage, but the Region is responsible for disposing it.

Count them out

A Toronto film production company hoping to do an environmental

film focusing on local waterways apparently can count Halton Region out as a financial backer.

According to a package forwarded to council by the producers, the movie called *River Re-Born*, with a budget of more than \$700,000, would focus on how people "have the opportunity to participate in thinking globally and acting locally by reducing, recycling and reusing."

The company is asking Toronto area municipalities for \$310,000, including \$40,000 from Halton.

The balance would be obtained from private sponsors, film funding agencies and broadcasters.

Halton did not approve the expenditure.



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He'll be cruising

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