

# No new dumps, group urges

By NORMAN NELSON

A collection of Ontario environmental groups is demanding no more landfills or incinerators be built.

"It's the only thing we can do," said Rita Landry, a local environmental activist who handed out the proclamation at a Halton regional council meeting last week.

"There's no choice anymore. They're not calling it the turnaround decade for nothing."

A member of local groups such as POWER, ICE and Waste Not, she said the resolution was drafted at a recent conference on the environment, organized by Greenpeace, that was attended by numerous environmental groups from throughout Ontario.

The information sheet, which contains her name as one of four contacts, criticizes the provincial government's waste management policy as being "dangerously flawed."

"If enacted," it states, "it would have a very detrimental effect on our communities, our environment, and especially on our precious water supplies. It is not only our own backyards being threatened, but it's everyone's backyard."

The coalition accuses Greater Toronto Area (GTA) municipalities of orchestrating a garbage crisis in order to avoid having to go through lengthy environmental hearings.

To solve the crisis, the six-part resolution, to be presented to Queen's Park, suggested:

- Opening up waste exchange and education facilities throughout Ontario. "Facilities like these can achieve 84-90 per cent municipal waste (diversion) now."

- No new solid waste incinerators or landfills. "It has been proven that both landfill and incineration are detrimental to the environment. Landfilling and incineration are a poor use of our precious natural resources, and less cost effective than recycling when all factors are considered."

- Public control of landfill and waste management. "The enormous revenue from waste handling, now attracting private proponents, must remain public revenue."

- Each municipality must be responsible for its own solid waste. "If your community is not responsible for its waste, it is not conscious of the amount generated — out of sight, out of mind."

- Dismantling the GTA's garbage disposal initiative, otherwise known as the Solid Waste Interim Steering Committee (SWISC). "The GTA is undemocratic and unaccountable. Insertion of another tier of government

into waste management, where four levels of government now share authority, would only compound our problems. Keep the regional governments responsible (for waste matters)."

- Removing subsidies for incinerators. "Finance waste management services in a manner that promotes fairness and encourages the diversion of waste disposal through the three R's."

## Royal win makes local rider queen of the quarter horses

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An Acton resident whose family once ran Brookville General Store will be spending the next year trumpeting the assets of the quarter horse.

Representing Ontario, 22-year-old Sharon McLeod capped off a lifelong dream by being selected queen for the American Quarter Horse Association at its annual congress in Columbus, Ohio, October 15-28.

Along with about \$25,000 in promotional prizes, she also inherits a full calendar of events representing the 265,000-member association at numerous functions throughout North America.

She was the only Canadian in the field of 36 contestants, and, told *The Champion* she was "absolutely delighted" to accept the honor.

Winning the competition had been her goal for two years and she said she couldn't have done it without a lot of help.

For instance, a Pennsylvania couple that she met through the show horse circuit provided her a "world class horse to ride."

A Milton business — Green Ginger — prepared and co-ordinated all her outfits.

Ever since she started riding horses at her uncle's farm near Brookville as an 11-year old, she has been an active participant in the quarter horse association, through its youth program.

It's an association she said she wants to continue long after her year-long public relations role is up.

There were three parts to the five-day competition: a written test on the history and rules of the quarter horse association; oral interviews; and a horsemanship competition.

Falling happily into her new public relations role, she explains to this city-bred writer that the quarter horse was tagged with its name from its reputation as being the fastest horse over the quarter mile.

Playing a key role in the settling of the American west, she said the breed remains a common fixture on ranches and in roping events.



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