By BRAD REAUME The Champion

Jim Scott is back in business at his Scott's Composting Farms after an Environmental Appeal Board decision to allow him to compost up to 20,000 tonnes of food waste a year.

But town council has not yet decided to let the issue drop.

According to Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, there will be some discussion at town council regarding the zoning for Mr. Scott's Hornby property. Town council has maintained that it isn't really an agricultural operation.

"The possibility of pursuing the zoning will be dealt with but it is a legal concern and will likely be discussed in-camera," Mr. Krantz said. beca "It is not just a Milton impact. It could have provincial ramifications



Jim Scott

occause composing on unis scale a relatively new thing." Due to costs involved in a further

allowing expansion of the hamlet,

In addition, the report complained

that no impact study existed to jus-

tify the boundary expansion into an

area described by witnesses as "ex-

nsive areas of critical watershed

ands" and having "fragile land-

Dr. Pesando's primary concerns

a lack of conformity with

the OMB decision read.

scapes and hazard lands,"

The Board decision

since it charged tipping fees for material brought on site. Evidence suggested that the town was aware of those charges all along. ..

oning disputes.

The board said composting is appropriate for agricultural land and that it's position within the farm operation is not relevant to zoning.

hearing, the board determined that it

would give an opinion on the zoning

issue in order to save the expense of

resurrecting the matter, despite the

fact it legally has no jurisdiction in

Milton councillors Brian Penman

and Barry Lee told the board the

composting operation had expanded

beyond the bounds of the original

certificate of approval because they

felt the original limits included only

compost which would be used on

The town took the stance that the

operation was industrial in nature

"The board disagrees with the town's very narrow interpretation of agricultural use and is of the opinion that composting on the scale of Scott's Composting Farms should be classified as agriculture zoning," the decision text stated.



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Moffat proposal nixed

from BOARD on page 1 "At every turn the town looked the other way," said Dr. Pesando.

"It was a very weak proposal." Milton Mayor Gord Krantz was hesitant to comment, saying that he was not "up to speed" on the details. He added that the usual approach with development was to ask, "is it good for the community?

"When five people say its good gested, in light of the provincial for the community and five say its wetlands policy, the Ministry of bad then you have a judgment call," Natural Resources would likely obsaid Mr. Krantz. "That's when the ject to the development proposal. OMB gets involved."

town's stance regarding the pro- ground water impacts, trespassing posed development.

The board questions the logic of bylaws and official plans.

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