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50% solution

A special meeting of regional council held this morning represents a watershed in the continuing story of trying to find a new regional garbage dump.

By now, most Milton residents have become inured to talk of dumps for garbage, dumps for toxic waste, sites to store sludge, and sites to burn garbage.

But today, Halton will be discussing a significant lowering of expectations.

The region is committed to energy from waste (EFW) in which garbage headed for a dump is sent to a plant where it is used as fuel to produce steam and/or electricity. The problem is those places where it should go like Ford of Canada and PetroCanada are very definitely not interested in burning garbage.

What this means is the original goal of burning 75 per cent of the waste and sending 25 per cent to the garbage dump has now been changed. It is now realistic to expect only 50 per cent to go to EFW with the rest going to a dump.

Today's main recommendation is to use the regional dump (when it is located) to take 100 per cent garbage for the first eight years of its 20-year lifespan, and then go to 50 per cent landfill after that.

But will the 50 per cent line hold firm?

That's what is going to bring debate today and the reason 2,700 letters have been sent out to interested parties advising them of the meeting.

Because we understand the difficulty in not finding a 75 per cent EFW site willing to take the plant, this newspaper can support the 50 per cent alternative.

But the line has to be drawn there and etched in stone.

If the region is committed to EFW, then it is time, as the dump site selection date draws closer, to make that final commitment to 50 per cent land fill.

Way to go

Congratulations are in order to Campbellville Mohawks baseball team which won the Ontario Baseball Association 'C' Division senior championship over the weekend.

Although it marks the 15th OBA crown for the club from Campbellville, it's the first since the mid-'70s and came in a season the club was not expected to do well.

However, despite the poor season for the club, Garney Mitchell and Co. put it all together in the three-day tournament and lost just one game (and that by one run) of the five they played.

It's a credit to all concerned and brings back memories of the 1950s and 1960s when Campbellville teams dominated senior baseball in the province.



view point Some thoughts



As I write this, John Turner is the prime minister of Canada, the Progressive Conservatives are the official opposition and the civil servants in Ottawa are busy shredding every bit of sensitive material known to man.

By the time this is read, the situation will have shifted, albeit unofficially, if all the polls turn out to be correct.

While I'm not exactly fearful, although not in favour, of a Brian Mulroney government for the next four to five years, this election has shown such a great change in traditional Canadian politics it's noteworthy. So here are some notes.

The Conservatives, after fighting for so many years against the Liberal stronghold in Quebec which has guaranteed their hold on the status of official opposition, now find themselves using that same power base to their advantage.

We now find ardent Quebecers and Westerners in league to send the Liberals on their merry way. While much has been said that Canadians want a change, it's interesting that the biggest shift in voting patterns (i.e. Quebec) isn't for change at all — it's for continuity.

Having a native son as prime minister is becoming entrenched in the Quebec way of life. This isn't to say that it's wrong, maybe it's just a coincidence. But since Mackenzie King bid farewell to Rideau Hall, Quebecers have served as prime minister in 25 of the following 30 years.

Although four different non-Quebeckers have been prime minister since 1948, they didn't last long. John Diefenbaker lasted five years, Lester Pearson went for five years, Joe Clark lasted less than a year, and if the polls hold on, John Turner will go down in history as the prime minister for the shortest length of time, nine weeks.

Another observation — this will go in history not as the campaign Mulroney won, but the one John Turner lost. Clearly, despite all this baloney from Mulroney about change, Turner showed himself to be less than prime

ministerial. And this was the guy the Liberals elected over Jean Chretien because he was electable? It kind of makes one think that maybe Chretien and his dream of Canada will be brought back for a repeat performance.

Ironically, all those Joe-Clark-stabbers-in-the-back come out looking good. They pulled themselves down to the level of snakes and then came out of this whole thing looking pretty good. They took a loser (Clark) and replaced him by hook or by crook, with a winner (Mulroney). It sort of shows you what's really important in Canadian politics. As Vince Lombardi said, "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

Out of this whole kit and kaboodle, we see an alliance between Quebec Premier Rene Levesque and Mulroney. Levesque, obviously still smarting from his loss in the referendum in 1980 (which the federal Liberals helped secure) got on the Mulroney bandwagon.

Can't you see the next separation referendum in Quebec during a PC government. There will be John Crosbie, nattered in his Newfoundland best, out campaigning for Canada. It's enough to make even the least-inclined separatist vote Oui next time. You've got to hand it to Levesque though, he does look out for his best interests first.

And finally, we have the situation whereby Pierre Trudeau has supplied the rope in which Turner has hung himself. Not known as good friends, Trudeau left Turner little time to call the election, threw in visits by the Queen and the Pope for good measure and virtually made it impossible for Turner to win.

And then, we are left with this image of Trudeau, resurrected from the dead, campaigning for his old friends and drawing crowds larger than any of the three political leaders.

It's been a campaign without issues. But certainly the campaign has been filled with personalities, the likes of which we are unlikely to see until the next generation.

our readers write

Test case

Dear Sir,
It was with great interest that I started reading your editorial of Aug. 22, titled "Test Case."

"By now Milton's residents are getting pretty tired about yet another story in The Champion commenting on the current situation of dumping waste and toxic waste in the town."

One could interpret it to be extremely presumptuous of you to imagine for even one moment that the toxic waste situation followed by your newspaper is tiring to readers. A suggestion is that your coverage should continue to be appropriately placed as the lead story on the front page of every issue, in order to assign the priority this issue deserves among a significant portion of Milton residents. Perhaps then, public awareness regarding all toxic waste issues would be increased since it so directly affects the lives of thousands.

For if Town Council's legal activity... or if Otto Jelinek's attention from the Federal level... or if increased risk to children's and pet's safety... or if lost equity dollars to residents... or if toxic emissions health hazards... are, indeed, not deserving consistent front page status in Milton, then one would have to question why not? That could only be because of the lack of interest from a majority of your readership which has been demonstrated through people not making themselves heard to you or to any of the active anti-toxic waste dump groups in town who, through volunteers, are giving both time and money to oppose the sites selected.

Of the anti-toxic waste groups, O.U.T. and Tremaine-Brittania have been active for some time and primarily represent rural and on-site residents. The Milton Environmental Advisory Group (M.E.A.G.) consists primarily of urban Milton residents.

In either case, all groups continue to require dollar contributions to conduct technical studies such as hydrogeology.

That's the best way all concerned Milton residents can help. After that, it's contributing time.

Speaking of time, with the one-month delay reported in your last issue (editorial and front page), the O.W.M.C. could still bring down their decision as soon as November. After that, the time for opposition is almost over and what will we readers have done. Welcome back from summer holidays!

Give me a damn now urban Milton... and a contribution... the Milton Environmental Advisory Group, and the others, need you. MEAG c/o 3074 Main St. West, Milton, Ontario.

D.R. DEMILLE
Milton

Applauds step

Dear Sir,
The Halton Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children applauds the Boards of Education's progressive first step toward the development of a prevention education program for our elementary school children. At the Aug. 23rd Board Meeting, the trustees readily accepted staff recommendations to pilot the program in West and North Halton. The Task Force was encouraged by the receptivity of the Board, as we had been earlier this spring, with the Separate School Board.

Our task force of volunteer professionals and parents, under the auspices of the Child Abuse Council, has worked diligently since May of 1982, to raise public awareness of child sexual abuse; to promote development of preventive measures as well as treatment; and to prepare a proposal for a joint community school sponsored program. It was the community-endorsed proposal, that prompted the Boards of Education to address the problem and its educational implications.

Not only is the task force cheered by this positive first step, but feel it is an indication to the community that the school boards are prepared to shoulder their responsibility in Halton's comprehensive response to child

sexual abuse—specifically their role in prevention. Prevention is the most critical component of that response, if we are serious about stopping abuse. And we are!

Given favourable evaluation of the pilot, we are optimistic a prevention education program will commence in the schools by the fall of 1985. Such a program complements the newly developed treatment and support services presently operating in our community.

CAROLE HOLMES
Chairperson, Oakville

Boycott kept

Dear Sir,
"Boycott is kept" (front page of the Champion, Aug. 22) should I think, be put into the proper perspective. I and Mayor Miller didn't boycott the Planning and Public Works Meeting and the special council meeting because the Royal Botanical Gardens was too far for us to travel (After all, I travelled to Munich to inspect a Liquid Hazardous Waste Incinerator (at no cost to the taxpayers) so I would hardly think Plains Road too far to travel to).

Mayor Miller and I boycotted the meeting for two reasons:
1) The inconvenience to our constituents.
2) There was no valid reason to hold a special meeting at the R.B.G.

Next we will be having a meeting at Hamilton Place because the Hamilton Philharmonic wants more money. We have had special meetings in the north and the south on issues that applied to a certain geographic location within the region, i.e. hunting, pits and quarries, floodings, energy from waste plants, etc.

On this occasion there was no specific issue. The real reason became apparent at the Council meeting of Wednesday August 22 when the Royal Botanical Garden requested additional funds.

BILL JOHNSON
Councillor, Wards 1 & 3.

Coverage great

Dear Sir,
On behalf of the Milton Jaycees, I want to thank you for the Champion's coverage of the Milton Jaycees Meet-the-Candidate-Night before and after the night. I also want to thank the citizens and candidates who attended the meeting, and I apologize for the crowding to those who stood through the meeting.

Thank you also to the staff of the Milton Public Library who assisted us in the preparations for the night, and my fellow Jaycees for their hard work in organizing a community event to show Milton the federal candidates and their policies.

COLIN BEST
Chairman Milton Jaycees
Meet the Candidates' Night.

Patronage

Dear Sir:
During the recent televised debate in French Prime Minister John Turner implied that the patronage appointments were made at the end of an era, at the end of Mr. Trudeau's reign. That is tantamount to saying that Turner was blackmailed and didn't have the courage or integrity to stand up to Trudeau.

Corruption and deceit are alive and well within the Liberal Party.

BRENDAN KENNY
Joyce Blvd., Milton

The Canadian Champion welcomes Letters to the Editor. We do, however, reserve the right to edit, revise, and reject letters. In cases where revisions are called for, or where a letter is to be rejected, the writer of the letter will be telephoned and the reason explained. We ask that all Letters to the Editors be signed and the address of the writer and the telephone number be included. Unsigned letters will be rejected.

pages of the past

One Year Ago

From the September 7, 1983 issue

A plan by Jim Snow to submit a brief of his own to the provincial commission seeking a site for a new domed sports stadium has buoyed hopes of Halton Region attracting the facility here. Members of a special regional subcommittee studying possible locations here was told last week the high profile provincial cabinet minister would be submitting a brief supporting a location in north Oakville.

Hot, muggy weather over the Labour Day weekend has been blamed for a slump in attendance at the 23rd annual Steam Era show in Milton. According to organizers of the event, total attendance this year fell about 3,000 from last year's draw of more than 20,000.

A local teacher has taken up the challenge of Terry Fox's legacy. Bob Pecora, of Sam Sherratt School, is organizing a Terry Fox Run to take place in Milton, Sept. 18. Mr. Pecora said he took up the task after learning a run was not planned in Milton this year.

20 Years Ago

From the Sept. 3, 1964 issue

Main St. looked a scene from 50 years ago this week. Everywhere people dressed in hand-me-downs or homemade old-fashioned clothes and store windows reverted to scenes of the turn of the century with displays of antiques and tools of the trade from early days.

The low tender of Colt Contracting Co., Scarborough at \$575,118 was accepted by the Milton District High School Board Wednesday for an addition on the Williams Ave. High School.

The new 15,000 foot, 12-inch pipeline to bring water from the Kelso well to the Town of Milton will be constructed this fall at a cost of \$93,348.

Car-washers and lawn and garden waterers can enjoy full use of the town's water facilities once more. Council rescinded the summer water restrictions, effective Tuesday Sept. 1 at Monday's council meeting.

Restrictions were imposed on May 25, limiting residents to two hours of hose use per week.

Paul Kernighan of Margaret St., the top Grade 13 student at Milton District High School this year has been awarded an admission scholarship to New College, Toronto. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Kernighan of Margaret St. was an Ontario scholar with a per cent average of 85.5 while obtaining first-class honours in each of the 10 papers which he wrote.

50 Years Ago

From the September 6, 1934 issue

While driving a mower on the Dundas highway Friday, Stewart Lawrence was hit by an automobile and tossed over the fence into an adjoining field. Although both the car and the mower were badly damaged, Lawrence was unhurt.

About twenty pupils of Milton public school are suffering from whooping cough. When they are able to return to school, the enrolment for the fall term will register 295 pupils, about the same number as last term. The enrolment of students at the high school is not yet completed.

Dan Allan, Milton, the amateur horseman, won three prizes at the CNE, Toronto as follows: 2nd on Roadster brood mare; 4th on Roadster foal, and 1st on year-old Roadster.

The tax rate for Trafalgar township for next year has been fixed at 37-10 mills, a reduction of 3-10 mills over last year's rate.

The Labor Day weekend brought with it a regrettable list of accidents. Even slippery, rain-soaked highways do not offer a sufficient excuse for the deplorable toll taken by motor traffic.

75 Years Ago

From the Sept. 2, 1909 issue

T.C. Livingston complains that a quantity of gas pipe has been stolen from his park that a number of incandescent lamp globes have also been carried off and others which were out of reach, have been wantonly broken.

Mrs. St. Leo Strachey's "Masque of Empire" is admirably conceived for the opening of the eyes of insular Britons and homekeeping colonists to a realization of the great Empire to which they belong. The masque was never put to nobler use than the one for which Mrs. Strachey has so well turned it to account.

The Herald reports that on the 23rd ult. Henry Gartley, of Glen Williams had his team run away near the coating mill, Georgetown. Mr. Gartley's father Edward Gartley was thrown out and his right hip was broken.

J.M. Boyes will resume violin and piano teaching in September. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Downey, of Detroit are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Syer this week.