

Milton and the dumps

Milton residents...

... are consulted

OWMC is asking questions

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) has begun detailed field work this week in each of the eight possible site communities announced last March, as part of its on-going public consultation program.

More than 1,500 people living on or near these possible sites will be contacted to obtain detailed information about the sites and the surrounding communities.

The eight sites now being studied as possible locations for liquid

industrial-waste treatment and disposal facilities are located west of Toronto in Mississauga and Milton, and in the West Peninsula in the Township of West Lincoln and the Niagara Falls area.

The field work program is designed to obtain information on unique and important characteristics of the sites and their surrounding areas, that will assist in evaluating the safety and suitability of each site.

All residents living on or immediately adjacent to each of the

sites, and other residents living within approximately two kilometres of the sites, will be contacted personally.

Residents living along proposed transportation access routes and local community groups and organizations will also be contacted.

Experts in hydrogeology, biology, agriculture and social economic impacts will visit each of the eight possible sites, nearby farms and other properties to discuss impor-

tant features of the land and the community with individual residents.

"We want to get the local facts, first-hand, from the people who live on the land in these communities."

"We must see to it that no important facts are overlooked as we narrow the choice from these eight possible sites to one or two preferred sites," explained D. A. Chant, chairman and president of OWMC.

This program is part of the detailed evaluation of the eight possible sites now underway. OWMC and its consultants are also meeting with federal, provincial and municipal agencies, as well as community groups and organizations throughout the Golden Horseshoe, as part of the present stage of the site selection process. This stage is expected to take several months to complete.

After one or two preferred sites are then selected and announced, further, even more detailed studies will be conducted on these sites, and a proposal submitted by OWMC to the hearing panel on Industrial Waste Management. This panel has been established by the Ontario Government to conduct formal public hearings on the safety and suitability of OWMC's preferred site or sites.

OWMC is a provincial crown agency responsible for the development of a province-wide waste management system.

Dump said filling too fast

By CHRISTINE STANTON
Calculations indicated the Burlington dump will be full sooner than expected, which means Halton will have to apply for an emergency

Ford EFW?

Halton's chief administrative officer says staff are "confident" an energy from waste plant at Ford of Canada is the best spot for a regional plant to turn garbage into energy.

Dennis Perlin told the solid waste management committee last week an extensive study has shown a plant at Ford which would burn 363 tonnes per day of waste "offers the best alternative for the implementation" of the EFW concept.

certificate for the dump expansion. Burlington Councillor Walter Mulkewich, who heard about the situation "via the grapevine" after it had been raised recently at the environmental hearing into the dump expansion, is angry about the situation.

He asked the solid waste management committee meeting how the Region's solicitor at the hearing Douglas Hodgson could be authorized to raise the issue of the emergency certificate before the environmental assessment panel when regional councillors had not yet been appraised of the situation.

He stressed that council should be making the decisions as the representatives of the public.

Chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin called the situation a "chicken and egg" problem, difficult to determine which comes first. The figures on the amount of waste being generated in Halton in the early part of this year were only available last week, he said, and they show that the dump may be full in July instead of August.


Since the environmental hearing is ongoing, Mr. Perlin decided it would be better to get an indication from the Environmental Assessment Board now, then bring it to regional council.

"I don't concur with that decision and I'm very disappointed," said Mr. Mulkewich, calling the move a misuse of the democratic process.

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