

Time running out for MPT site

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Midland-Penetang-Tiny Landfill Site Committee has received a strong warning from the Ministry of the Environment that "positive steps are required to be taken immediately in order to avoid a crisis situation when the present contract (with Eric Pauze, dump operator) expires."

The MPT contract with Pauze expires in September, 1981, and according to the Ministry it is already too late to get approval for the existing site or an alternative site before that date.

Site

In a letter to MPT chairman Ron Hamelin, Regional Director D.P. Caplice points out that "the securing of a Certificate of Approval for a waste disposal site is not a simple process." "It does appear that you will be unable to obtain a Certificate of Approval for use of a new waste disposal site in time to be ready for the expiry date," Caplice continues.

The regional director outlines a suggested contingency program, and lists the major problems which exist.

...crisis situation ahead?

The first Ministry concern is the lack of a hydrogeological study. Without such a study, costs of which may be as high as \$30,000 any extension of the operating period would not be permitted.

Caplice suggests that "it would be in the best interest of the municipalities now being served by the site to oversee and provide funding for such a hydrogeological study."

Warning

Secondly, the Ministry warns of the need to set aside funds for "proper closure of the existing waste disposal site" in the event that the dump is not used beyond the September '81 deadline.

Caplice notes that the Provisional Certificate of Approval for the Pauze site lapsed on December 31, 1979, and was re-issued last week only on the following conditions: the Certificate of Approval be registered on title; a site development, operation and completion plan be submitted by June 1, 1981; and the disposing of

liquid industrial waste at the site be stopped.

Application

According to the Ministry official, the original site application by Pauze "did not refer to liquid industrial wastes", and although Ministry approval was given in 1976, "much larger volumes of liquid industrial wastes are being placed in the site than was indicated by the operator in 1976 when our concurrence to continue with this practice was given."

"The existing level of site operation and management are not sufficient to provide adequate control over the quality and quantity of wastes disposed of on the site, and we have insufficient hydrogeological information concerning the site to assure ourselves that off-site migration of leachate is not occurring" the letter continues.

Although the MPT have been searching for an alternate site, the Ministry is "alarmed over the fact that we have no

clear indication as to what will transpire after that (September '81) date" when the Pauze dump contract expires.

Re-zoning

Eric Pauze has requested the re-zoning of the remaining 80 acres of the 100 acre site to allow for expansion of the dump. However, Tiny has refused to re-zone the land over the past two years until they are provided with an environmental impact study. Pauze's position is that he will not commission the study until re-zoning for expansion has been given.

The impasse will be resolved one way or another at the Ontario Municipal Board level in the near future, but not in time to meet the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment before September, 1981, for either the present or an alternative site.

Deadline

The warning letter from the Ministry was presented at the meeting of Tiny council, Wednesday, by MPT representative John Lackie, and discussed in a committee of the whole.

The MPT is to meet later to plan strategy in the face of the rapidly approaching deadline.

You think you've troubles?

For a time earlier this week, it appeared that the Grinch Who Stole Christmas was alive and thriving in Midland. Santa Claus arrived

last weekend, but this year there was no bright Christmas tree on the library lawn to greet him.

Chamber of Com-

merce president Ernie Cowden and Midland Public Works Commissioner Percy Ehler immediately drove out to some town-owned

property in Tiny Township and chose a magnificent 25 foot spruce which public works crews cut and hauled into town on Tuesday.

It was only then that it was discovered that the permanent Christmas tree stand which had been installed in the library lawn wasn't to permanent after all. Somebody had removed it.

A third hurdle presented itself when it was time to decorate the tree. Nobody could remember where the lights were.

The Chamber of Commerce financed the purchase of a new set of lights. The 500 bulb set has been installed and everything looks seasonably bright and right in Midland town centre.

The Grinch, if there ever was one, has been banished.

Proud day for Walker's Electric

They say that if you break a mirror, you will have seven years bad luck but Walker's Electric of Midland doesn't need luck, good or bad.

Through good work practices, they have earned two awards for safety on the job which were presented at a staff dinner Wednesday night at the Highland Motel and Tavern in Midland.

Ken Walker, vice-president of the local industry accepted the awards on behalf of the workers that number around 25.

The first award was from the Construction Safety Association of

Ontario for seven years without a time loss accident.

The second award was presented to Walker's Electric employees for seven years without a time loss injury as well, this one from the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

The provincial average for an industry this size is two injuries a year.

That means that 14 men could have been injured in that time but thanks to good work habits by the employees, no one has been injured.

The presentations were made by Bob Reid,

counsellor in the Field Services Department of the Construction Safety Association of Ontario.

Walker may have accepted the awards but he would like to point out that the awards belong to the workers for their safe work habits.

However, something like this does not happen everyday.

It takes co-operation between management and the employees and Walker's Electric fairly has that co-operation.

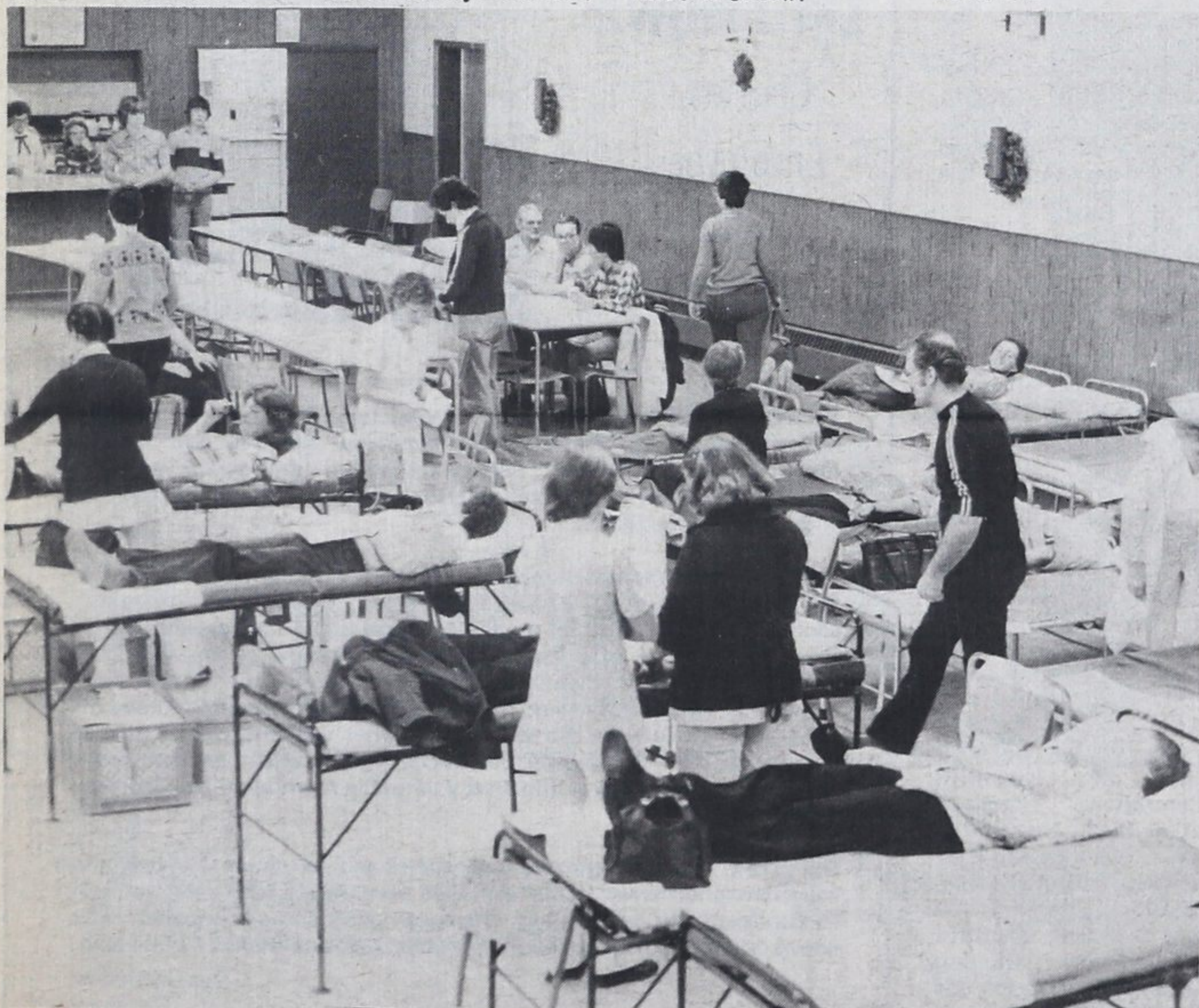
Walker's Electric is looking forward to an eighth safe year of operation and many more to follow.



A big hug for Santa

This is what Christmas is all about...the joy of young people at this time of the year. That's Janice Laurin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Laurin, Penetanguishene,

giving Santa a big hug. Santa visited Midland Secondary School, Sunday afternoon, during the high school teachers' children's Christmas party.



Action central at clinic

A total of 238 units of blood was collected Wednesday at Midland Legion during the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross Blood Donor's Clinic. Goal was 340 pints but a major blizzard prompted many

to stay away. Nevertheless organizers were pleased with the results taking the weather into consideration.

Lobster brunch one man's way of fighting killer disease

Budd Watson of Midland is bringing to his gallery Dec. 21 two Toronto chefs and enough Maritime lobster to feed 125 people, all in aid of raising money for The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

He has a personal interest in raising money for research.

A granddaughter has the children's disease. It is unknown for a child with the lung disease to reach adulthood, he said.

Shrimp, poached salmon, prime roast beef, cold cuts, and salad will also be part of the midday buffet spread.

The fundraiser, four days before Christmas, is the first of what Watson hopes to make an ongoing personal campaign to fight cystic fibrosis.

Tickets will be available at the Budd Watson Gallery today. Price per ticket

is \$25.

Loblaws is donating all of the cold meat and giving a good price on the shrimp and lobster, he said. All proceeds above costs go to fight cystic fibrosis.

Cystic Fibrosis is just another disease that you read about in the newspaper, until it strikes someone you know, "one of your little people," Watson explained.

His granddaughter spends four hours a day taking therapy, and requires special medicine.

Every six weeks she has to go to Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital to have her lungs cleared.

The bodies of cystic fibrosis victims do not clear themselves of mucus as do healthy bodies...and so the therapy.