

# Talk continues on dump criteria

Over 75 Tiny Township residents showed up at the municipality's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting at the Lafontaine Hall Saturday morning at 10 a.m., hoping to select the site for a new dump but were disappointed to find the meeting was a repeat of the previous two open sessions.

Originally the residents had been told that the third of a series of four public meetings would deal with exact sites for the choosing of a dump to replace the Pauze landfill site that is scheduled to be locked up next year at this time. Because of a poor response to a questionnaire dealing with the taxpayers' evaluation of the criteria for selecting a site and the fact that the Township had not received word from their consultants the EAC was not ready to deal with selecting possible locations for a dump.

In an effort to get more information the committee split the crowd into small groups and an hour was spent in these groups discussing the taxpayers major concerns with a new dump being located in the Township.

After the hour of group discussion was concluded group captains were asked to report to the EAC the groups concerns. Like previous meetings, policing of a new landfill site to avoid the a replay of the Pauze dump, ample compensation for lose of

property assessment and a drop in the quality of life for those taxpayers in the vicinity of the new dump and cost factors were points of interest brought out in the session that lasted into the early afternoon, but one issue that kept arising was the lack of interest and information on the recycling.

Although the crowd was adamant they wanted the safest and best site they wanted answers about the recycling in the area. EAC Chairman Art Dyer, who headed the meeting, was unable to answer many of their questions about the recycling in the Township but referred the group to the North Simcoe Waste Management Association's Recycling

Program Manager Anne Desroches for information. At Saturday's session the Tiny Township residents showed one other major concern with their council and that was the decision to withdraw from the NSWMA in July when the association refused to abandon a proposal to locate a dump in the south end of the Township.

One group leader, Carole Dimock (the former EAC chairman) told the audience, members of her group were concerned over the council's decision to withdraw from the NSWMA. "This leaves it open to a possibility of two dumps being located in the Township," said Dimock who also was not in favour

of the additional expenses being incurred by the Township's officials to duplicate much of the work already carried out by the NSWMA.

Tiny Township Ratepayers Association (TTRA) President Anthony Lancia also asked Dyer during a question and answer period following the group discussion how much the new dump would cost the municipality alone when the NSWMA is looking at spending \$3 million for just the operation of a landfill site over the next three years or \$6.5 million for the operating of a landfill site and an incinerator for three years.

"I don't think Tiny Township can afford \$3 million or \$6.5 million over the next three years alone," said Lancia. "We just can't afford it alone."

The EAC's final meeting to discuss the actual selection of a new dump will be Nov. 22. The place and time have yet to be arranged.



**Facelift underway**

Visitors to the Carnegie Library in Penetang may have to dodge workmen through the door these days as repairs are being made to the front stairs of the building. Librarian Rosemary Marchand

said the money to fix the stairs and the leaking roof has come out of the capital reserve fund. Marchand added with the poor condition of walkway, it couldn't be left any longer.

## Court costs are escalating

The court battle between the Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE) and Lafontaine resident Jacques Marchand over the rights of the French-speaking students at Ecole Secondaire Le Caron in Penetanguishene is beginning to cost the taxpayers much more than expected.

According to SCBE Director Richard Boswell, since January 1984 the board has paid out over \$135,000 in legal fees towards the Marchand case.

Boswell said the figure includes the legal fees for a one-day injunction hearing appearance in February of 1984 and the legal costs incurred during the three week trial that took place in Toronto in May.

"We didn't anticipate we'd be in court as long as we were," said Boswell. "We were looking at four or five days, not 15 days in court."

Although some money was put aside for the legal costs in the board's 1986

budget, Boswell said the figure was no where near what the court battle is actually costing the board.

In an interview last week, the director added this \$135,000 figure does not include the cost of the appeal; the money that has been ordered by the judge to be paid to Marchand for his legal costs and the price of the new facilities to be constructed at Le Caron if the court's present decision is upheld in the appeal.

"These are very costly proceedings," said Boswell.

The director of the board said the board will have a better idea on how much it will cost the board to upgrade the facilities at Le Caron, to the standards set out in Mr. Justice Sirois' decision in the case handed down in July, at the end of the month.

Boswell added it will be quite difficult for the board to come up with an exact

figure on the cost of the litigation because of the number of man hours by board members and staff spent on the case.

An additional cost incurred by the board as a result of the Penetang case, explained Boswell, is the \$100,000 that has been spent at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS) since 1984 to upgrade the industrial arts shop in the school used by Le Caron students.

## Mediator can't mend break in dump situation

A provincial mediator has little hope of Tiny Township council rejoining the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) in their effort to find a replacement for the Pauze dump in Perkinsfield that the government has scheduled to close a year from now.

In a letter to NSWMA Chairman Lionel Dion, mediator Michel Picher said unless the present

situation changes there appears to be little to pursue in the way of negotiation between the two sides.

Members of the five remaining municipalities in the NSWMA viewed the letter from Picher on Tuesday evening, their second session since Tiny representative Reeve Morris Darby announced the township was withdrawing from the association. Picher, who was on hand

at the July 22 meeting, was to be present at Tuesday's session himself, but was unable to attend.

At the July meeting, members of the association passed a resolution calling for Picher "to meet with Tiny council to see if there was any possibility of resolving certain recent problems, including the decision of Tiny to withdraw from the NSWMA."

In his correspondence, Picher said, "the council of Tiny had agreed to explore with me the possibility of some amicable resolution".

"I can report that the members of Tiny council regret the events that have led to Tiny's separation from the Association. They would prefer a unified approach to waste management among the municipalities," said Picher. "However, in light

of the sharp differences that have arisen on the issue of site selection for the landfill component of the system, there are at present no openings in the position of either party that would suggest any negotiated solution for the time being."

The mediator also mentioned he met with residents in the area of site 41, the Wayne Johnson farm in the south end of

the Tiny Township. NSWMA Chairman Dion said he wasn't very happy with the letter from the mediator.

"I'm not very pleased to hear Picher will no longer have any dialogue with Tiny Township," said the chairman. "He also didn't give us any idea what the reaction from the residents in the south end was to the meeting."

Responding to Picher's letter, Tiny Reeve Morris Darby said the Township has no objection to sitting down and talking to Picher and trying to resolve the problems, but Tiny feels the association has not made a move.

"Nothing has been done on the part of the waste management since we announced at the July meeting we were withdrawing," said Darby.

### Personal invitation

Penetanguishene resident Bernice Stewart, a former president of the Penetang Progressive Conservative Association, had the honour of attending the unveiling of the John G. Diefenbaker Statue on Parliament Hill in Ottawa last month.

Bea Stewart received a personal invitation from Doug Lewis, MP of Simcoe North to attend the Sept. 18 ceremony that ended with a gala party at Chateau Laurier, which "wasn't much of a party", according to Stewart.

The unveiling of the statue was a tribute to the late John G. Diefenbaker who became the Prime Minister of Canada in 1957.

## Whitfield claims unlawful dismissal

A second former employee of Midland's public works department is claiming unlawful dismissal.

Dan Whitfield, project technician on the municipal payroll for two years, received his last pay cheque on Sept. 26.

Whitfield and the other municipal engineering department employees were informed of their release last June. Whitfield was kept on the payroll until the new position of public works manager was filled, last month. Whitfield, one of the candidates interviewed for that position, was not hired.

Former public works commissioner Percy Ehler, dismissed last January, sued the town. An out-of-court settlement was reached.

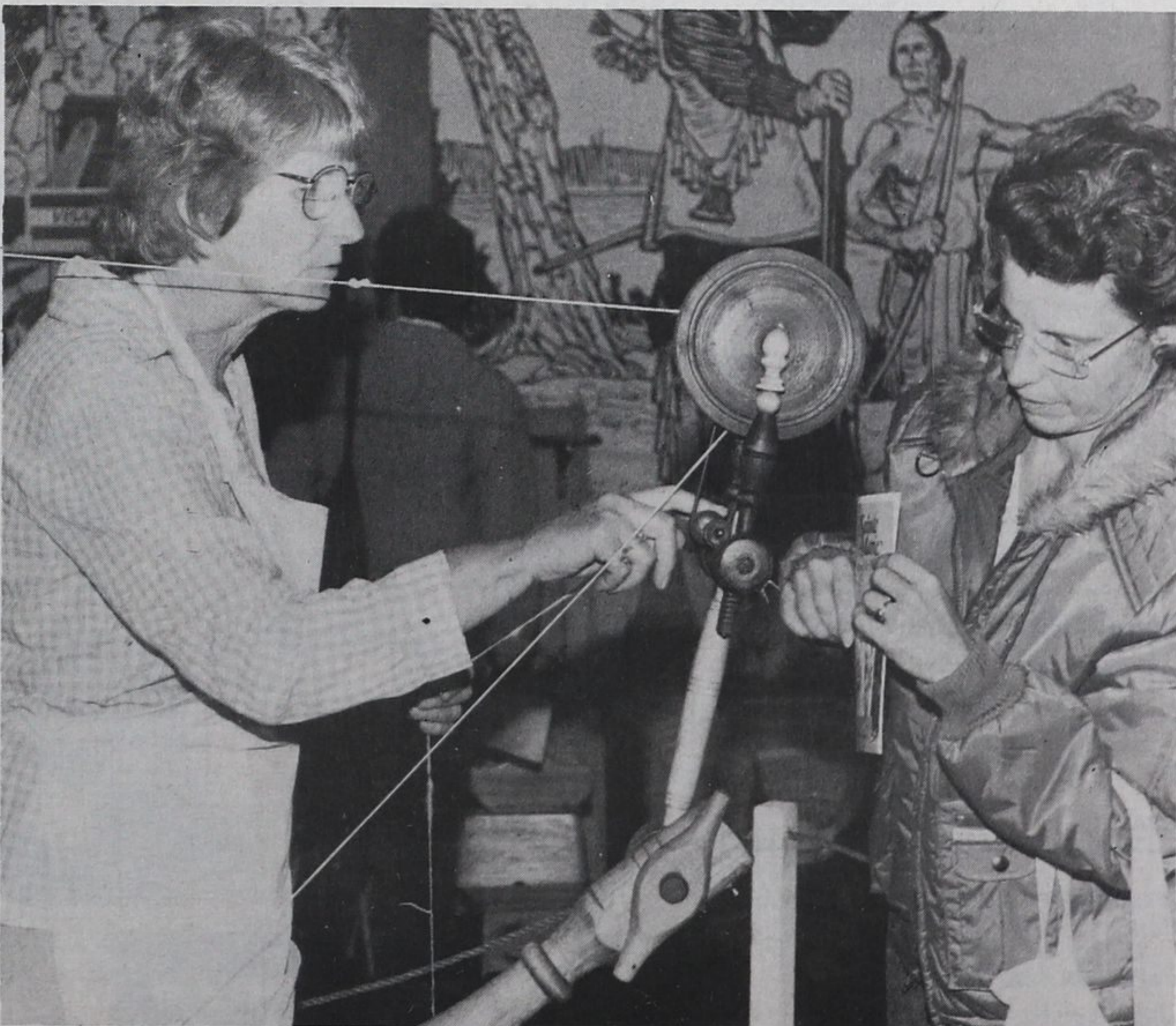
Whitfield has said that he gave up a secure job in Oakville, after 10 years, to come to Midland, with assurance from Ehler that a job here would last.

An overrun on a road project of last summer was discussed during a public works committee meeting held Oct. 6. A representative of the town's consulting engineering firm said he could discuss the overrun without mentioning Whitfield, by referring only to the town.

The Ainley representative said the overrun was brought to the public works chairman's attention by himself. He was "floored" to discover the chairman was unaware of the situation, he said.

Speaking on the record, public works committee chairman Alderman Robert Brush has said the department of which Whitfield was a member was to blame for mistakes in estimates for the project.

Whitfield has said two members of council told him that the mayor and Ald. Brush argued, before the vote to hire a public works manager, that Whitfield was responsible for the overrun.



**Miner's wheel**

Paula Thomson shows the miner's wheel of this spinning wheel which came to Canada from Yorkshire, England, to Judy Witt, at Sainte-Marie among the

Hurons last Saturday. The foyer of the historic site was the venue for a craft show and sale.