

Dump committee facing Ministry deadline

With the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE) May 1 deadline drawing near, members of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) are anxious to sign an agreement with the Orillia landfill site operators.

Last summer MOE officials contacted the NSWMA, warning them that an agreement for an alternate method for disposing of household garbage from the five municipalities, after the closing of the Pauze landfill site in Perkinsfield, must be in place before the beginning of May.

After talks with a number of area landfill site owners and operators, the only option that remains for the association is the landfill site in Orillia.

Site Selection Committee Chairman Bruce Tinney said the association is anxiously awaiting word from the officials from Orillia on whether the MOE will give the city a new certificate of approval to allow the garbage from the five municipalities (Midland,

Penetanguishene, Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll and Tay Township) into the Orillia site. If reports from the MOE are positive, city officials are to deal with the request by the NSWMA at their next council meeting on March 23.

Ministry official Ian

Gray, who was on hand for the last NSMWA session (March 3), said he was worried the association was not working hard enough on coming up with an alternative method and warned the association could be faced with a fine of up to \$2,000 a day for every day after the

deadline a contract is not signed.

"I sense that the committee feels that all is lost," said Gray, "but some effort can be made to get something done before Orillia-council meet."

At the urging of Gray and in an effort to speed up the proceedings, the association agreed to meet with their consultants and draft a possible agreement.

Tinney, who is heading up the search for a landfill site to take household

waste while a new dump is being engineered in North Simcoe, said he was not pleased with the Ontario government's assistance to the association who have been working valiantly to find a solution to the problem.

"You guys up there at Queen's Park tell us what we must do," said Tinney, "but, you don't do anything to help us expediate the process any. I think your ministry could have done a lot more to help us."

Face changes at town council

The holders of the only two non-union non-department head positions in the Midland town office are retiring.

Confidential secretary and administrative assistant Mary Bennett is retiring in May after 19 years. Confidential secretary of public works Marg Rintoul is retiring next month after 13 years.

Notice of the jobs has been posted in the office. The council will be involved in the screening and selection of the internal ap-

plications, clerk Fred Flood said. At that time, the decision whether to advertise the jobs will be taken.

The retirement of the two women is a "big loss for us," Flood said.

PGH birth

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Lafreniere, RR3 Penetanguishene, are pleased to announce the birth of a son Feb. 23. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.



Forty years on the road

James Curry has been keeping Tay Township's roads in good shape since December, 1946, when he was age 19. Curry, left, last week received a certificate from

the Ontario Good Roads Association. Tay Reeve Bruce Tinney, right, presented the certificate.



St. Patty's tots

Youngsters at the Prime Time Nursery School in Midland got all primed up for today's St. Patrick's Day festivities. Here Alexandra Kowalski and Kyle Casselman proudly display their lucky shamrocks and leprechaun hats made for the special occasion.

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