

Results raise questions

The outcome of negotiations over a possible extension of the Pauze landfill could have more serious implications for North Simcoe than most people may think.

In an interview just a few days ago, Provincial Mediator Michel Picher said he feared the results of negotiations between Tiny Township Council, Perkinsfield residents and the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) that ended last Thursday with Picher saying, "There is nothing more I can do."

Not only will this mean a possible cost of over \$700,000 a year for hauling garbage out of the municipalities, but it could result in an indefinite delay in an engineered site being constructed within the boundaries of the six municipalities to take household waste.

Tiny officials have repeatedly stated they are adamant that they will not support the location of a new dump on prime agricultural land. The real question that residents of North Simcoe and Tiny Township should be concerned with is: how far will this council go in opposing the NSWMA's bid to engineer a new dump on their preferred Site 41 (the Wayne Johnston farm)?

There have already been concerns expressed as a result of Tiny's appealing to the Environmental Assessment (EA) Board to have the NSWMA's EA hearing postponed until they are ready to proceed with their hearing on an unknown parcel of land that is simply described as "the Perkinsfield area".

NSWMA officials have said they will not oppose any decision in favour of another site in Perkinsfield.

Will this group of politicians from Tiny go so far as to appeal an EA Board's decision, if the board should decide in favour of a site in the south end of the township, or will North Simcoe become another Halton Region where the search for a landfill site has been delayed in court battles, over a similar dispute, for more than five years.

North Simcoe residents should be concerned since some kind of compromise was not reached.

When will it be reached? After millions of our tax dollars have been spent?

Opportunities for youth

Dear Editor:

Like many teenagers, I find there is too little time to participate in all the activities I enjoy. I used to think it would be great if I could go to one place that offered almost everything to experience and do. After participating in the Red Cross Youth Leadership Camp in August 1986, my search was over.

The Red Cross also operates a group called "Red Cross Youth". It is open to everyone aged 16-24. This youth program encourages volunteers to develop a variety of skills and experiences. It is offered by young people, for young people and operates out of your local Red Cross Branch. One main emphasis of the program is on broadening Youth's awareness of the choices to be made in life in pursuit of a responsible and rewarding lifestyle. As a member of the Youth Group, you will be invited to work on all Red Cross Services. This, in itself, is a worthwhile experience and leaves you with a sense of satisfaction. Not all seriousness though - the Red Cross Youth Group is the product of a lot of fun and laughs. Each participant may have the chance, as I did, to attend the Youth Leadership Camp held each summer at Maple Lake. Rest assured, you'll come back with many friends, a broader outlook on life and a lot of stories.

Red Cross Youth is a branch of the Red Cross Society waiting for you to join and find

how much can be gained. A Red Cross Youth group in the Huronia area would be an asset to all those involved. Young people in the Midland-Penetanguishene and surrounding areas have a lot to give - the first step begins with you.

Notices announcing information meetings about Red Cross Youth will be appearing in all the area high schools this week. Watch for them and plan to get involved!

Yours truly,
Janine Grouette
Red Cross Youth

'Thanks' to group

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Food

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank on behalf of Huronia Transportation Homes (Rosewood Shelter) the Tuesday morning Bible Study Group from St. Pauls United Church for their very generous donation of groceries from their food bank. It was very much appreciated by all the staff and residents of Rosewood.

Thank you.

Pauline Hindle
Fundraiser

Recognition night superb

Dear Editor:

The recognition night at the arena on Wednesday the 29 of April, 1987 for Brian Orser and the Russ Howard Rink was just superb.

I wish to thank you on behalf of all the Dubeau Family and Penetang-Midland Coach Lines for an unforgettable occasion.

As a sports-oriented person and family, we have all watched the slow steady rise of both Brian and Russ and his team to World Championship status.

To have all six champions and seven hun-

dred local people under the same roof to express our thanks and appreciation was an excellent idea, well conceived and carried through without a hitch.

Again, my thanks for putting together this historic occasion.

Yours very truly
Midland-Midland Coach Lines Limited
Brian P. Dubeau
Vice-President and General Manager
Editors note: This is a copy of a letter sent to Penetanguishene Town officials.

Viewpoint

by Carey Nieuwhof

Bringing back Brian

Puttering around the house last weekend, your scribbler had an awful fate befall him. Most of us are familiar with that legendary North American phenomena known as the job jar, that thing which rears its ugly head occasionally filled to its miserable top with household chores no one in their right minds want to tackle.

Expecting to pull out of it something like "wax the car", stop the hose from leaking, or paint the picnic table, I was a little shocked to find "get Brian Mulroney re-elected in 1988." Dalton Camp, I suspect, broke into the house last week at some point to plant it there.

Bringing Brian back in 1988 is not going to be an easy task, but being burdened with it by higher authorities -- the job jar and Dalton Camp -- I decided to grin and bear it. Some way to spoil a weekend, though.

Reflecting on what it would take to win Brian the 1988 election brought me to a few conclusions. First of all, the criticism of Mulroney would have to stop. Although bashing Brian (usually gently) has been a constant theme in this space, it would have to be suspended until a winning strategy for the '88 campaign was devised. The next thing I

had to decide was just why Brian is in all this trouble he's in now.

Sure the scandals are a part of it, but they have abated to some degree in the last three months. The biggest problem with the Mulroney government is that few people have any faith in it. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that few people have much faith in Ottawa in general these days. There seems to be a general disillusionment with government and political parties in particular. The reason for this, I think, is the particular passion that politicians have put into partisanship since the 1984 election. If that can be eliminated, Brian could possibly sweep back into power in 1988.

Ever since the 1984 election, it seems that political parties have taken precedence over the affairs of government. Canadians grew tired of hearing the Prime Minister of blaming everything from the deficit, to unemployment, to tooth decay on the previous Liberal government. In the meantime, we grew equally sick of an opposition that was willing to air every piece of dirty laundry it could get its hands on in the hopes of edging up one or two notches in the public opinion polls. By mid 1986, it had become clear to

Canadians that the three main political parties were far more interested in their own well being than in the well being of Canadians. The least guilty of the three parties was the NDP, which saw a concurrent rise in their popularity.

How do we get out of this mess? The answer is to convince the Prime Minister to drop his flagrant partisanship, and do something in the name of Canada, rather than in the name of the Progressive Conservative party.

Last week, we saw something which could help the PM reach that goal. Perhaps the nicest thing about watching Quebec agree to come into the Constitution, aside from the fact that the act itself was a major landmark in Canadian history, was that there was a lack of partisanship in the affair. David Peterson, perhaps the most successful Liberal in Canada right now, praised Mulroney for his role, while Tory Don Getty praised Peterson for his role. When Brian came back to Ottawa on Friday, Liberal leader John Turner and NDP leader Ed Broadbent had little but praise for the Prime Minister. They had the sense to realize that this was an accomplishment for Canada, and all three party leaders realiz-

ed that this was no time to score partisan victories. Mulroney didn't claim victory for the Tories, nor should he ever do so in these sort of affairs. This spirit was a refreshing break in what has otherwise been a very disappointing three years in Ottawa.

The Prime Minister needs to continue in that spirit. He should try to have his party out of national affairs for a while and concentrate on running Canada for Canadians. He needs some other victories as well. To continue to push for a non-partisan accord on acid rain would be a good start. To look into the acquisition of the tropical islands of Turks and Caicos would be another idea. He needs to stop focussing on Liberals, socialists and Tories and start focussing on what Canadians want.

In 1988, he can turn to Canadians and say, "Between 1984 and 1988, the Canadian government brought you this --. If you reelect this government, we will continue in our commitments to this --."

Canadians need a break from partisanship. I think they are sufficiently sick of the matter to reward the party leader who first recognizes this. It would be a first step in finishing my weekend chore.

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