

County may take a part in waste management

There may soon be another level of government getting involved in the great North Simcoe garbage-dumpsite search.

But some local politicians view the possible move with strong skepticism.

Today, at a meeting of Simcoe County Council, the garbage-disposal questionnaires which were sent to all county municipalities are expected to be returned. The answers will tell whether municipalities want the county to get involved in the whole issue of waste management.

At present, it is up to individual municipalities to deal with garbage disposal. Some, like those in the North and South Simcoe Waste Management Associations, have banded together to solve the problem. But until now, the

county government had stayed out of the way.

At press time, the Times had learned that at least three municipalities will be encouraging the county government to get involved in waste management.

Midland, Port McNicoll and Tay Township have all decided to endorse a proposal in which the county would play a role, although it may be somewhat limited.

One municipality, Tiny Township, will not have its answers ready for today's meeting. Clerk Guy Maurice said that all the individual councillors will be filling out separate forms and will have them ready by the end of the month.

Most local councillors say they want the county to act as a co-ordinated voice, to speak on behalf of all

municipalities, and essentially to stand up to the provincial Ministry of the Environment.

At last week's Port McNicoll council meeting, Reeve John Moreau expressed concern that the county only be involved in a limited role. That's a concern strongly shared with some other municipal politicians.

Still, Port council reluctantly agreed to endorse the county's proposal to speak as a unified voice.

Midland council's Bev Day also appeared eager to promote county involvement.

"If any municipality says 'No,'" said Day, "it will fix the whole deal."

He added that at the last county council meeting, excitement ran high over the possible deal.

One of the things that made 'Yes' an attractive answer was the fact that it would not cost any money, Day said.

Tay Township council was even in favour of a wider scope of county involvement.

Tay said the burden of waste disposal was too great for individual municipalities to bear, so the county should defray the cost, provide technical and educational support, conduct studies, prepare environmental assessment reports, provide household hazardous waste collection and act as a co-ordinated voice.



Going up

Fran Whale, Adrienne Norwood, middle, and Marg Tyndall, right, were among the supporters of the Alzheimer's Society bazaar Saturday at the Villa Com-

munity Care Centre who went for a ride in the Molson's balloon. The balloon was tethered to the ground between the Indian Village and Little Lake.

Player is back

Elmvale native Bill Player has begun to serve his two years less a day contempt of court sentence.

Player returned to Canada from Florida last Thursday in the custody of OPP officers.

Player also faces charges of fraud in connection with the sale and resale in 1982 of 10,931 apartments in the Metro Toronto area. A preliminary hearing is coming.

The contempt of court

sentence is related to the fraud investigation.

Meeting

The village council of Victoria Harbour will hold its next meeting this Thursday.

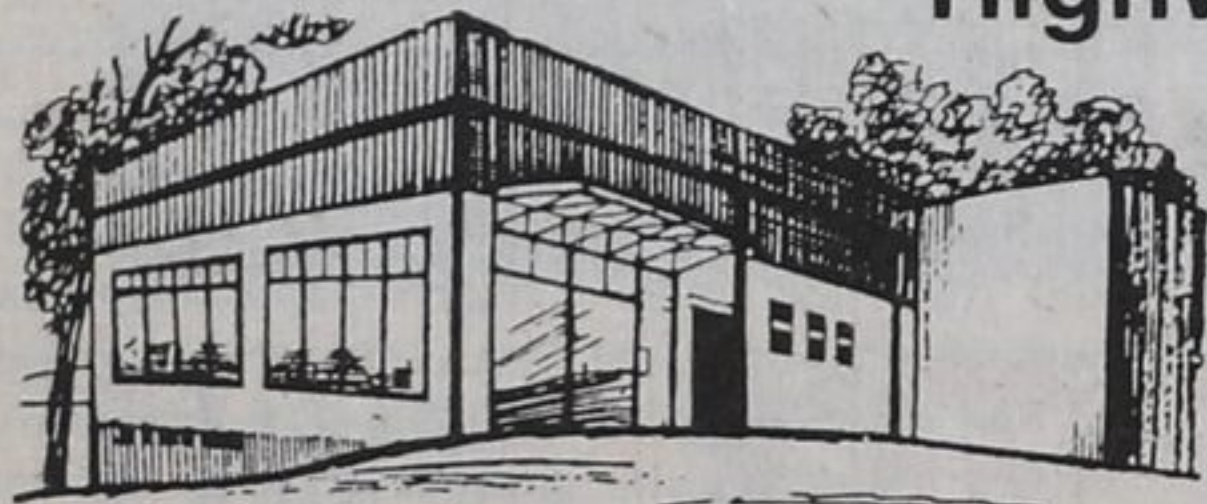
At the last council meeting, Bob Larmand was appointed by council to fill a vacant seat.

The seat became vacant when Deputy-Reeve Catherine MacKenzie resigned due to a conflict of opinion.

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