

# Man fears Pauze II

This would be one sequel which no one would want to read.

Call it "Pauze II."

That's what a Penetanguishene resident is worried about. Bill Edmonds has a house on Golflinks Road. He is just a garbage bag's throw away from the new North Simcoe Waste Management transfer station.

But it's not so much being near all that garbage that irks Edmonds. He's worried the transfer station will leave its gates open at night to allow snow to be dumped.

"It's exactly what happened at Pauze," Edmonds insists. "That's when the problems started happening there - when trucks came in at night when nobody was around to see them."

Studies have shown toxic waste was dumped at the old Pauze landfill site on Concession nine of Tiny Township. That dump closed in a flurry of controversy at the end of October.

"I'm just wondering how long it's going to take to get things organised down there. They're not supposed to have any garbage on the pad; well, let me tell you there's garbage everywhere. I know, I live right next to it and there's garbage amongst the pine trees - it's a real mess."

Edmonds says snow should not be dumped at the site. The clerk of Penetanguishene's Council, Yvon Gagne, says he has no problems with snow being dumped at the site.

"Are those people going to leave the gates open so the trucks can come in and drop the snow? I sure hope not," Edmonds says.

He says site officials have tried to placate his fears by suggesting a back entrance be made so he won't have to see the trucks coming in.

"Sure, sure," Edmonds says "but I'm not complaining about having to watch trucks coming in, I'm not complaining about where the dump is and just how it might be operated. I think making a back entrance is sort of like putting something out of sight but not out of mind."

The resident says he is going to wait for a week or two before making any more protestations.

"My wife and I and the neighbors are all monitoring the situation. I'm just very concerned: I only bought this house a year ago before anyone knew all this was going to happen."

Edmonds says snow is waste.

But Ian Gray, the District Officer for the Ministry of the Environment, says "snow is not garbage."

So the NSWMA does not need special ministry permission to dump snow at the transfer site. But Gray warns that it would be "inappropriate" to leave the area open at nights.

"Someone will have to be placed on duty

if you have people coming in at all hours," he said last week.

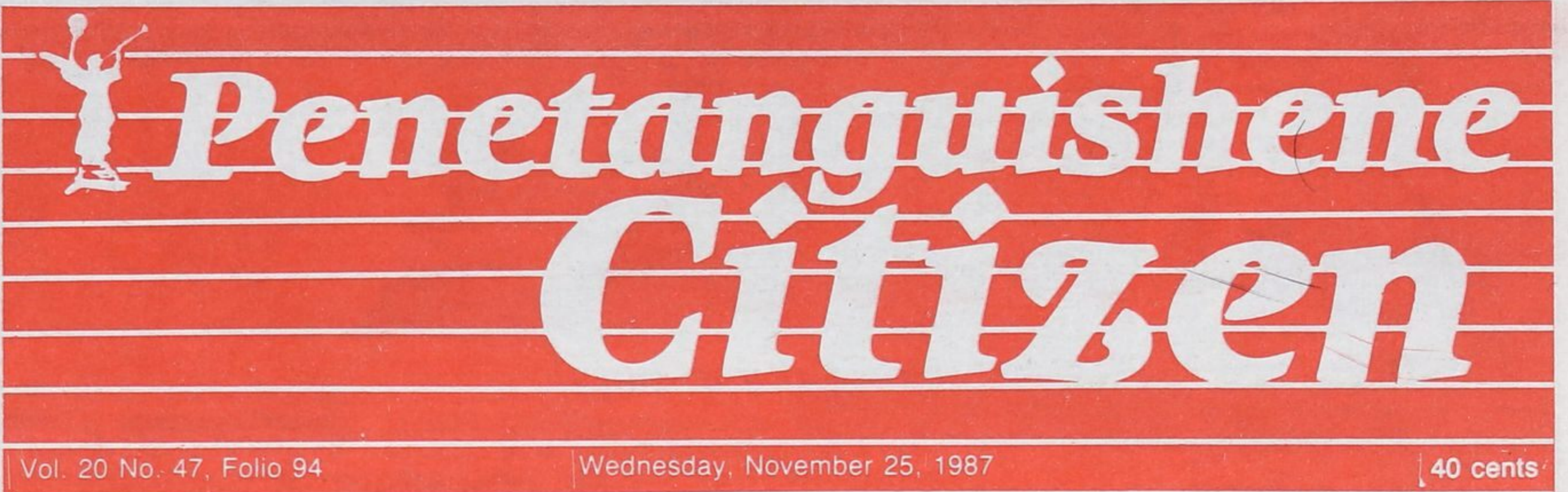
Gray has received some complaints from Edmonds. Gray calls Edmonds "a very reasonable man."

"You know, I can understand why Edmonds is worried, he does live right next to the site. But the snow has to be dumped somewhere. I think if the NSWMA wants to

offer its facilities for that purpose, then I see no problem with that," Gray says.

Gagne says Edmonds' fears are baseless. The NSWMA clerk can assure him the gate will not be left open all the time and snow will be dumped only during a designated time frame.

Of course, the situation is going to be managed properly. We're not going to let everybody in," Gagne says.



## Not a pretty sight

A local resident doesn't think so anyway. Bill Edmonds says the place is getting too messy

for his tastes. He's also worried about snow being dumped during the wee hours of the

evening.

## Funds denied

Al McLean says St. Ann's is not going to get a new school. The MPP for Simcoe East told the Citizen last week that he has learned that the Ministry of Education has turned down St. Ann's request.

Penetanguishene Town Council has already approved in principle the building of a school at the corner of Robert and Dunlop Streets.

McLean says he "just can't understand the decision."

"This government wants to build more portables and fewer buildings. There's already too many portables and this isn't going to solve the problem. Class sizes are increasing."

McLean was told that the ministry was short of funds.

"Well, they're not short of funds to build schools in Bradford, are they?" McLean asks.

John Gignac, the president of the St. Ann's Parents Committee said the ministry told him St. Ann's was now the provincial government's "number one priority."

McLean says the ministry is still saying that but "number one priorities still aren't getting the money."

"This comes from the same government which wants to increase funding to 60 per cent. Well, I wonder how they're going to do this, if they're short of funds for St. Ann's?"

## Transfer station problems

By David Krayden

Penetanguishene councillor Lionel Dion says the new waste transfer site is experiencing "problems like you wouldn't believe."

Dion says people are deliberately lying when they enter the transfer site to deposit their garbage.

"They're being untruthful about what's in the back of their car or truck," Dion said leaning back in his chair. "They've got loads of leaves and wood, but garbage is mixed in with it. That means it's contaminated garbage."

Contaminated garbage all has to be sent down to Keele Valley in Metropolitan Toronto.

This situation is something Dion characterises as "ridiculous." Since he says all of that debris which is not contaminated before it mixes with the other waste, could be burned by local households.

The councillor says McLellan Disposal Services, the company which won the contract to truck Huronia's garbage south, is "mak-

ing half-load trips."

Obviously, that means the job is going to cost taxpayers more than it should.

Leaning forward in his chair Dion issued a warning to the mendacious dumpers.

"If people are going to continue to lie to us, then we're going to have to get tough."

Mayor Ron Bellisle agreed.

"We're going to have to educate people," he said.

Councillor Bob Klug suggested more than one person be hired to administer the transfer site.

"It really takes two people to run that place," he said. "One guy can watch the gate but he can't see what people are dumping behind him."

Klug had only been a councillor for 20 minutes at the time. He was appointed by order of council to fill the space left by "the untimely death of Ray Baker," as Bellisle said.

Garbage issues dominated the agenda as usual.

Clerk Yvon Gagne extolled the benefits of the new transfer site committee, which is composed of five members.

"The NSWMA only meets once a month. The transfer site committee can meet every week and then report back when it has to."

Gagne explained that once the committee's budget is approved it can spend it how it wills.

When Deputy Reeve Francis St. Amant asked why Tiny Township had two representatives of the five, Dion replied that "Tiny is very concerned about how that site is managed. It's in their municipality."

Councillor Bob Sullivan wondered why the municipalities were legally liable for any pollution caused at the site while McLellan was liable for virtually any other mishap which might occur.

Dion explained that "this was the rule everywhere."

Gagne cautioned the councillors by assuring them that "we are very much insured."

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