

## 150 Irate Vaughan Taxpayers Lash Out At Garbage Dumpers

By FRED SIMPSON  
There were 150 Maple ratepayers on hand March 14 to get their shots in at Disposal Services as the provincial environmental board hearing continued at the community centre.

They weren't happy. It was reminiscent of a love affair that had gone sour a few hours after the wedding ceremony as one by one the ratepayers trooped up before Environmental Board Chairman David Caverly to explain their plight.

The ratepayers were in a somewhat edgy mood early in the meeting and vented their displeasure with Disposal by shouts of "sit down" hurled in the direction of the company's Solicitor Murray Chusid of Willowdale.

At one point Mr. Caverly threatened to adjourn the meeting if there were any more major interruptions.

Things settled down after that although the words were just as harsh for Disposal Services.

**NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS**  
A long list of complaints about Disposal ensured running from traffic along Keele Street to the dumping site, trucks travelling at all hours of the night, noise, pollution, and Disposal's failure to keep its word in the past.

Roy Hawkins, chairman of the Maple Ratepayers Association, said it was the residents' basic premise "that previous experience with Disposal in our community has led us to the inescapable conclusion that any statements made by this firm are unreliable."

He cited a promise made by Mr. Chusid at a council committee meeting that his firm would be off a 43-acre dumping site (adjacent to the 20 acres now the subject of contention) by December 15, 1973.

"They were still on this site until January 7 when they were forcibly removed by the sheriff via a court order. They didn't go voluntarily, they were forced to go."

Mr. Chusid defended his company's position stating he had promised to be off providing "council agreed not to bring any action against us to put us off which they did. Therefore I suggest to the board that our continued dumping there was perfectly legal and justified."

Mr. Hawkins continued on to say there "is a great credibility gap between what Disposal says and what it does. We just can't depend on what they say."

He also played a "conceptual plan" proposed to the environmental board for the purpose of showing how they would operate the 20-acre site if a certificate to do so was forthcoming.

"I would say this is more of a theoretical plan," he continued. "There is no evidence they plan on doing anything. They have been dumping since January without a certificate and they have done nothing in this regard to date. There is no proper supervision, no fences, no assurance that they plan to do anything but contaminate the whole area."

**NOISY TRAFFIC**  
Citizen Fred Young complained of Disposal traffic running up and down Keele Street "at all hours of the morning causing noise, the people suffer for what is a private enterprise simply trying to make money when it is just a loss for us."

"This operation is one which is absolutely, totally unfair to the people of Maple," he said.

Mrs. Judy Price, a mother of two, told the board she was speaking for the children of Maple. "Our children are going to have to live here for years to come with the stench and the fumes from the dump."

She said she was afraid that the application by Disposal Service was just the first step in an operation to develop many more acres as garbage disposal sites.

Another member of the Woodbridge Area Recycling Group charged that such dumping sites were obsolete adding that there was no way to prevent underground waterways in the area from being polluted.

"Any methods claimed to prevent this are uncontrollable, unpredictable, and will fail in the long run. Public safety is more important than the profits of an individual company. Pollution can only be prevented by reducing the waste at its source and by recycling it."

Donald Deacon M.L.A., York Centre, called on the ratepayers to demand "definite assurance from the province that it can guarantee no pollution as a result of this 20-acre site. If that assurance is not forthcoming all dumping should be stopped immediately."

He termed such land-fill site as a "blight on the community and one that can only cause future hardships for children."

Mr. Deacon added that it was not the "job of this environmental board to find a garbage site for Disposal. Your responsibility is to protect the environment."

Ratepayer Carol Cameron drew applause when she warned that "if we don't stop this right now we'll lose the battle on the much larger dump which is coming up."

She was referring to applications made by the Superior Sand, Gravel and Supplies Ltd., another firm that Disposal's Norm Goodhead is involved in, and the Crawford-Ontario Sand and Gravel Co.

This application is a preliminary to two more that have been filed with the ministry to turn 913 acres of old gravel pits south of the present site into Canada's largest garbage dump.

The pits have already been acquired by the applicants, but no decision has been handed down by the ministry nor have any public hearings been scheduled.



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Regency Acres Public School  
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Boys and Girls 6-13 yrs.  
Fee \$20. per session  
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Sat. 9:30 - 11:30 am

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February's winner of the S. S. Kresge's baby bonus draw, in which the store matched her February cheque dollar for dollar was Mrs. Albert Stegmann, 42 May Avenue, Richmond Hill. Mrs. Stegmann is seen in the above picture accepting a cheque for \$40 from Mr. VanLeeuwen of Kresge's.

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## Disposal Agrees Stop Dumping Until Garbage Dispute Settled

Maple Ratepayers Against Dumping have won a battle in their campaign against garbage but... the war goes on.

The "battle" Friday morning March 15 saw Disposal Services Unit agree to cease dumping at their controversial 20 acre site north of Maple until a decision has been made as to whether they will be able to dump there at all.

Still to be decided is the war.

That being whether Ontario Environment Minister William Newman will authorize a certificate to Disposal Services to use the 20 acre site for dumping.

Also yet to be decided is an even greater area in the municipality which is also to be dealt with regarding future garbage disposal.

**16 HOUR DEBATE**  
Friday's developments learned toward the dramatic portion of an oft-times tedious debate which consumed a total of 16 hours, the patience of experts and solicitors and ratepayers alike.

Conclusion?  
No conclusion.

Environmental Hearing Board Chairman David Caverly adjourned Friday's hearing at 12:30 noon hour and announced that it would continue the next week at Maple Community Centre.

The environmental board is still considering Disposal's opposition to a Vaughan Town bylaw forbidding it to dump there at all.

**PROMISED ACTION**  
Friday's dramatics were prompted by press reports that Environment Minister William Newman had promised action "within two or three days" to stop a Disposal from dumping garbage near the town of Maple.

It was preceded by the somewhat incongruous case of Disposal Service applying for an application to dump while their trucks drove by on Keele Street enroute to the controversial site to dump.

Disposal Solicitor Murray Chusid maintained at the same time that the firm he represented had been granted a license to deliver garbage to 43 acres of land in the area.

The order specified the operation was to stop last August when the site was filled. The company appealed to the environmental board saying the certificate also covered the adjacent 20-acre site.

Solicitor Chusid informed the board that he had contacted Mr. Newman and, as a result, had arrived at a compromise.

He agreed to stop dumping on the 20 acre site since "late" on the condition that the municipality allowed Disposal to dump a portion of their garbage in Vaughan's dump until a decision had been made.

A hasty meeting was called between Town Solicitor Tom Fraser and councillors present, Jim Cameron and Milton Savage, and a compromise was reached.

**VAUGHAN ACCEPTS**  
Mr. Fraser said this was acceptable to Vaughan under the conditions set out by Mr. Chusid. He added a proviso that Disposal would have to supply any additional equipment needed to alleviate any overload on the system. Disposal would also be charged at the same rate as other companies.

Mr. Chusid, after prompt-

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