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## LANDFILL UPDATE

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Those using the landfill site since January 1, 1993 will have noticed a new face and I would ask all citizens to cooperate with our new Supervisor Jason Hughes. Remember place materials in the various piles, all ashes to the ash pile and :-

### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.

There have been several enquiries concerning the disposal of used lubricating oil and anti-freeze. The Province of Ontario has plans to set up recovery stations throughout Ontario and, as yet, there are none in the County, but it has been reported that the Canadian Tire stores in both Belleville and Trenton have facilities available.

A few people have been just dropping their garbage at the front gate and it should be noted that the landfill site is open Wednesdays and Saturdays - Winter Hours 9am to 5pm. Both the Highway Traffic Act and a South Marysburgh Bylaw provide for fines for littering and whilst your Council is reluctant to invoke the law, it will not hesitate if it becomes necessary.

At the December Council meeting a delegation of approximately 40 citizens were present and your Council appreciated their interest and input. There was a consensus that South Marysburgh should go to a garbage pick-up system and no views to the contrary were expressed at the meeting. Your Council is exploring this idea as it would give us more control of our landfill site, is looking at methods

and is developing costs. Very preliminary estimates indicate costs \$40.00 to \$70.00 per household per year.

The November issue of the South Marysburgh Mirror raised the possibility of the Ministry of the Environment closing down permanently our landfill site. Your Council while recognizing the possibility believed that we had a considerable number of years. This, may well not be the case. A letter dated December 17, 1992 was received which reminded us that we were operating the Landfill site under a Provisional Certificate issued April 19, 1990 and that the Certificate was subject to the following condition :-

"By 13 December 1990, the Township of South Marysburgh will submit to the Director, Southeastern region of the Ministry of the Environment for his approval an operation and closure plan for the site."

The letter also advised that as we are in contravention of the Certificate conditions, a notice of the violation had been forwarded to the Ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch. Your present Council will do everything in its power to try to reach the best possible arrangement with the MOE and keep our Landfill Site operating for as long as possible.

Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Barry Laramy - Chair Waste Management Committee.

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## Council passes Bed & Breakfast By-law and explains future of Land Fill Site

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Township Council held its last meeting for 1992 on Dec. 14th, at the Town Hall. But most importantly, there were forty residents of the township present to discuss the proposed Bed and Breakfast By-law and the future of the landfill site. This representation from the tax payers, whatever their motive for being there, shows the increased involvement that people of this community are showing in how the township develops and manages its affairs.

The Bed and Breakfast By-law provoked the liveliest discussion. This by-law was proposed to permit Bed and Breakfast facilities as a home occupation, allowed under the terms of the township zoning by-laws. It is primarily a statement of what has been accepted as constituting a Bed and Breakfast Facility; no more than three bedrooms for use as rooms for paying guests, in a private family dwelling. The by-law states that these rooms must be within or attached to, the family dwelling. Properties zoned as residential are permitted only one dwelling.

The concerns brought forward at the council meeting, seemed to be focused on septic systems and the possibility of these systems allowing contaminants to get into the water table and further pollute wells and water courses. Council explained that septic systems were the responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment, and that this provincial department issued the permits for septic systems and performed the inspections of these facilities. The concern was that in this township where there is little top soil covering fissured rock, the danger of this type of contamination was greater than it would be where there was a good depth of soil to absorb the effluent from such

a system.

A presentation was made that suggested that the passage of this by-law was premature, as a provincial government study is currently underway to re-exam and re-define the whole tourist-hospitality industry, and that this by-law should not be passed until the recommendations of this study are acted upon sometime before summer of 1993. The speaker recommended that any action by the council, that could be interpreted as being detrimental to the emerging tourist industry in the township, should be considered very carefully, lest it send out the signal that such development in the township would not only not be encouraged by the township, but would be actively discouraged through constraining by-laws.

There was also the suggestion that several definitions within the township zoning by-law be looked at and defined more clearly. These included "dwelling" and "living", to clarify what constitutes a "dwelling" and what is meant by "living" in a specific structure.

One recommendation that came from the floor that is certainly worth noting and acting upon, was that council appoint a committee of both council and concerned residents, to encourage and facilitate development of alternative industries in the township. With the decline of farming as a primary industry within the township, nothing is being introduced to replace the jobs lost, and the revenue generated. The government strategy of the moment is to promote small entrepreneurs, especially those in the tourist