

Letters to the Editor

One alternative 'close the dump'

Dear Sir,
I have just finished reading 20 letters and reports about the garbage dump. These communications, dated between Feb. 5, 1974 and Aug. 27, 1974, were amongst the Council, its lawyer, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation Club and York Region. They document the agonizing and disgusting process through which the Ontario Ministry of Environment is dragging the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

It is "agonizing" because, "the Ministry considers that the Company's York Sanitation is acting in good faith." (Quoted from a letter by the Ministry of Environment to the Town Council's lawyer.)

"Disgusting" because the Ministry is obviously protecting the company while that same company continually and knowingly violates the orders of the Minister which were issued on May 23, 1974.

The situation got so bad that the Town's lawyer wrote to the Attorney General requesting that the Attorney General's Department force the Ministry of Environment to carry out the laws of Ontario. In that same letter it is pointed out that each day hundreds of tons more garbage is being dumped than allowed by the company's provisional certificate and more than allowed by the Ministry's own special order. It becomes even more disgusting when it is pointed out that the company continues excessive dumping even after the expiry of its provisional certificate. A clear-cut violation of the "Environmental Protection Act." The lawyer estimates that during the first half of

1974 "the site operator has realized additional revenues in the range of \$100,000 for accepting excess waste."

The Town Council can procrastinate no longer. On June 26, 1974, the Town's lawyer listed nine specific remedies available to Council. How can we expect ordinary citizens to obey the laws if violations of this kind and danger are allowed to continue unchecked?

There is only one alternative: Close the dump.

Jim Sanders

P.S. I am turning the letters over to our public librarian. Hopefully, Mrs. Robbins will find them a worthwhile addition to the library collection and make them available to whoever wishes to read them.

Garbage czars, complete disregard people's welfare

Dear Sir:

After the Oct. 2 meeting, it is obvious that the garbage czars belong to the — Admiration Society for the Almighty Green Buck, with complete disregard for other people's health and welfare.

They are surprised, and even annoyed, that council members of a small rural community do not seek hat-in-hand negotiations and dealings with the mighty money people — the usual string-pullers on many a politician and bureaucrat in Ottawa and Toronto.

David versus Goliath, common sense and

honesty versus greed and corruption — the focus is on Whitchurch-Stouffville now.
A. Zakis
R.R. 4, Stouffville

Trustee sets record straight

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that your reporter did not reach me at the Board meeting last Monday evening for comment re negotiations between the Board and the C.U.P.E. Local representing the Secretary, Clerical, and Technician Staff because, I, as chairman of the Board's negotiating committee would have been pleased to assist in any way possible. When communications are good, there is little likelihood of any serious misunderstanding. If I may take a few moments of your time, perhaps I can bring things up to date and into perspective, possibly at the same time.

The length of time that these negotiations have been going on seems like an eternity but, in reality, they have only been underway since July 4th! The Board's Committee was appointed in April but the Union group had to await certification until June before they could select their Committee. Half a year had thus slipped by through no fault of either side.

It is correct that these people have not received a salary increase since January 1973 but it is not understood by many of the public that the Board could not grant any salary increases during the period of time that the employees were seeking to form a Union and certification. This would have been breaking the law I was advised when I proposed doing something about it earlier. Therefore it was decided to do this at the time the contract between the Board and the Union was signed, hopefully by September 1st. As it stands now the increase is to be immediate and effective on the date of signing.

The Board's Committee most certainly has first hand knowledge of the work performed by these staff members and is determined to be as fair and just in dealings



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with them. This I explained to the Union Committee on the first day of our meetings stating that I wanted all of the negotiations to be frank and honest (call a spade a spade if you like).

After the C.U.P.E. Committee had made its first proposal far in excess of the present offer, the Board Committee made a counter-proposal that was unanswered except to be told that the Union was going to apply for conciliation but they did agree to meet with us meanwhile. At this point the T.T.C. strike commenced so the Union Representative was not available and talks could not continue until it was over. Thus negotiations and a further Board Offer were delayed until the first week of September.

The next Union offer arrived at the Board office September 18th, the day before the final day of conciliation. At that time the Union requested salary increases amounting to 30 per cent over two years.

A meeting of the Union Committee and the Secretarial, Clerical, and Technician staff is planned for October 1st. At first there was some mis-understanding when it was thought that only Union members could vote when in reality ALL members of this staff can vote. In excess of 40 per cent of the staff does not belong to the Union but they DO have the right to vote according to law.

The next step will be mediation during this week. The Union will be in a legal position to strike by October 7th. However, it is my hope that we can lock ourselves up together and not come out until a solution is found and hammered out to the satisfaction of all. It can be done.

J. C. McMurray
Trustee Whitchurch-Stouffville

Editor's note: A settlement was reached before the deadline.

No 'better place' for lake resident

Dear Sir,

Mayor Ratcliff's comment re. Musselman's Lake residents — "Get them out into better places."

Will the Mayor please bear in mind the fate of the Indians and Eskimos who were moved out of their homes into "better places"! How many are dying of broken hearts and boredom?

It is well to remember that one man's meat is another man's poison.

The majority of us in the lake area put most of our hard-earned money into our homes to make them comfortable, convenient, and a pleasure to look at. We can think of no "better place" to be.

Mrs. Harry Ratcliffe,
R.R. 2, Stouffville

Now: a new minimum wage in Ontario

Effective October 1st, 1974

Ontario's new minimum wage covers people employed in general industry, construction work, domestic service, ambulance service, funeral service, including students and learners.

If you or your employees fall into these categories, it is important for you to know what the law now requires.

People employed by agencies as domestics, and people working as funeral directors or embalmers must now be paid not less than \$2.25 an hour. Learners in General Industry must be paid at least \$2.15 an hour during their first month of employment and at least \$2.25 per hour thereafter. People employed in construction work or as construction site guards are now entitled to at least \$2.50 an hour. There is no learner rate for the construction industry. Ambulance drivers, helpers, and first-aid attendants must now receive at least \$108.00 per week or, if they work fewer than 48 hours a week, \$2.25 an hour. Students under 18 who work 28 hours a week or less, or during school holidays, must receive at least \$1.90 per hour.

When employees occupy a room or eat meals supplied by their employer, \$9.00 per week for the room and \$1.00 for each meal or \$21.00 per week for meals or \$30.00 a week for room and meals may be included when calculating the minimum wage.

As for overtime pay, until December 31, 1974, it will be 1 1/2 times the regular pay after 48 hours a week. From January 1, 1975 on, the time-and-one-half rate will apply after 44 hours a week. And from January 1, 1975 on, there will be three more holidays with pay — New Year's Day, Victoria Day, and Thanksgiving Day — added to the current statutory holidays: Good Friday, Dominion Day, Labour Day, and Christmas.

If you have any question or would like more information, write or phone your nearest Employment Standards Branch at any of the following addresses:

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Bulldozer found
Tom Totten, R.R. 4, Stouffville, has brought a drag line in to clean out his pond to make it fit for trout. Last year, when he tried the same thing, the bulldozer sank from sight. Recently the heavy machine was located by means of a pole. Hopefully the machine will be salvaged. It is under 30 feet of water.

Skating Club dance
A dinner dance will be held Nov. 16 in the Legion Hall for the Stouffville Figure Skating Club's championship fund. For tickets call 640-4504 or 640-1903.

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