

# Letters to the editor

## Hotton family Expresses appreciation

Dear Sir:

We would like to thank all of the people who have donated to our cause in helping us get back on our feet. Especially the Stouffville Lion's Club, Stouffville Fire Department, Les Garner (Sun Valley Variety Store), Ladies Auxiliary (Ballantrae Community Centre), United Church of Stouffville (Women's Auxiliary), John Gilbert of CHUM radio, Cedar Beach (Vern Davies), Misty Blues of Toronto and the Stonehedge of Musselman's Lake.

We would also like to thank those children who attend the Ballantrae Public School who are Bev Prentice, Kim Taylor, Randy Degeer, and Joe Prentice who went door-to-door. Jack Wedley who donated the liquor and prizes and to everybody who contributed clothing and appliances etc.

A special thank you to Dave and Brenda Burgess, Donna and Lorne Dunbar, and Jack and Shirley Ackroyd who provided accommodation for our family for six weeks.

We would also like to thank the members of the Churchill Drive Ratepayers Association, naming; President Ron Robb, Secretary Deborah Laidlaw and Treasurer Jill White who sponsored the drive. Also thanks to Councillor Becky Wedley of Ward 2 for getting the campaign underway.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hotton and family

## Good natured

## Volunteers thanked

Dear Sir:

Recently I asked for volunteers to help at the Recycling Depot and when I read the article in The Tribune I realized that no one has ever thanked the volunteers we already have.

On the behalf of the other organizers and myself I would like to thank each and every person who has helped at the depot. They have been hard-working, good natured people who deserve a lot of credit.

My job is to keep a schedule and make the phone calls to the volunteers when we need

them and having such nice people on our list makes my job a pleasure.

We'd also like to thank Don Bernard and Lorne Transport for donating the tarpaulins that cover our bins and a special thanks to the anonymous gentleman who brought coffee to all of us when we were working one really cold morning.

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank the Environmental Hearing Board the Town, its citizens, its expert witnesses and such bodies as the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority have pointed out the grave dangers posed to the Town's only water

Jean Belisle

## POWR speaks out

Dear Sir:

To give some additional perspective to York Sanitation Dump Site No. 4 recent American action is of interest. As a result of pollution problems due to trace amounts of chemicals in water supplies the Safe Drinking Water Act was signed into law last December and the Environmental Protection Agency has just announced interim national standards for drinking water as required by this Act. These standards establish maximum concentration levels for arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, cyanides, lead, mercury, nitrates, selenium, silver, chloroform, endrin, heptachlor epoxide, lindane, methoxychlor to x a p h e n e and chlorophenoxies. They also set a ceiling for total concentrations of organic chemicals, micro-biological contaminants and turbidity. There is no known safe level of exposure to many chemicals and these standards are part of the United States effort to protect its citizens from dangerous exposure to even trace amounts of pollutants which over a period of time produce cancer, tumours, mental retardation and a host of other problems including mutagenic changes. In other words the great risk to the public has been recognized and preventive measures are being taken to avoid future human misery.

Solid waste disposal is undergoing a revolution and landfill sites are increasingly being utilized to produce energy, methane, low grade oil, recycleables, methanol, ammonia and urea. Where groundwater pollution is a hazard the leachate must be treated. Every effort is made to preserve surface and ground water quality.

This stands in startling contrast to the proposed activity at Site No. 4. In argument before the Environmental Hearing Board the Town, its citizens, its expert witnesses and such bodies as the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority have pointed out the grave dangers posed to the Town's only water

supply by the dump site.

Among many other arguments put forth they contend that the material going into the dump is uncontrolled and of unknown composition but it does include much of the most dangerous form of waste, namely, industrial waste. For example, the 800 tons of lead contaminated soil to be removed from a Toronto park could very well come to this site where much of it will find its way into the aquifer. Similarly tons of vinyl chloride artifacts could be dumped at the site. Vinyl Chloride is a carcinogen both when breathed and ingested and leachate could be expected to contain this material.

The geology of the site and the water movements under it are only poorly understood but chemical analysis of wells outside the site, including the Town's wells show that mass migration of pollutants has occurred beyond the site boundaries. Phenol,

cadmium, zinc and other bodies all of which were on the site are found. Many substances are non-biodegradable and bacterial activity on the site does not affect them. Many are not retarded or retained by clay but pass through soil into the groundwater. There is no clay material known to us that will render leachate harmless and this is especially true when the composition of the leachate itself is not known.

We believe the aquifer under the site is already contaminated but the degree of pollution is still tolerable. However, more contaminants must not be introduced by continued dumping. Dumping at the site was forbidden by the Government in the past because the area was considered to be too sensitive. It appears to be the height of folly to permit dumping now particularly since, now, so much more is known about chemical pollution.

The POWR Group

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