



CLIFF AIKEN

Honored

STOUFFVILLE — Town pharmacist Cliff Aiken has been named to the honor roll of Lions International, Chicago, Illinois. This high recognition was announced at the year-end Ladies Night, June 26 at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club. Recognizing Mr. Aiken in this manner was a recommendation placed before the directors by Ed McAloney, president for 1980-81. The decision was unanimous.

Editor's Mail

Must work together

York Sanitation Company Ltd. is asking for an expansion into Area 5, a very sensitive area. The company needed an Environmental Assessment Hearing for this purpose. The landfill is in Whitchurch-Stouffville, so the Town Council and the citizens were asked to participate. The Council hired a qualified hydrogeologist to study the engineering design of the applicant's engineer. This design is in the Stouffville Library. The expert Patrick K. Lee of Gartner Lee Associates advised Council there were some deficiencies in this design. If left as is, we would not have the environmental protection we need for our water supply. Based on this report of findings the Town entered the hearings. As a taxpayer and long time citizen, with seven years background knowledge of this situation, having attended the first hearings in 1974-75 on a daily basis, many concerned citizens became involved on behalf of those who work farther afield and cannot be present before the EAB. We are not radicals. We are solid citizens. We are not responsible for the written views of the press. We are the few who have taken the trouble to attend and listen and give input. We must at all times follow the rule of the Board. We must have our facts straight. We must give evidence, in chief, allow ourselves to be cross-examined, we are allowed reply to the applicant's case, we give summation based on our facts, with no new evidence being allowed. We have toured the landfill site No. 4, we have toured the total area so the topography in relation to the evidence becomes a reality for the Board.

In 1962, a landfill should never have been allowed on the Oak Ridges Moraine, in a recharge area, at the divide for two watersheds (Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe) on the edge of a unique marsh, at the headwaters of the Holland River, over the main aquifer for the Town wells and many local wells adjacent to the site. To compound this error until 1989 based on the old outdated technology of the "Attenuation Mechanism" and the

"Dilution factor" is ludicrous. The soil will be overwhelmed. The leachate created from the past dumping since 1974 has not reached the aquifer to be tested by the Ministry of the Environment. We will bear the many health problems, the owners will be long gone!

Common sense tells one not to put your garbage in your drinking water. The health problems we now have may very well be the past liquid waste disposal practices of the 1960's at this site. One does not drink water today and fall seriously ill tomorrow. It took 25 years for Love Canal to surface. Our dump is 20 years old. It was never engineered until 1974. There was no Ministry of the Environment until 1972.

To attack our citizens in person or through the press is grossly unfair. Attack the problem (the dump)! Economic of 1100 tons per day times \$8.50 per ton times 5 1/2 days per week times 52 weeks per year from 1974 until 1989 is the real reason for this fight. Our health their money, simple as that! We the concerned citizens did not create this dilemma. An error in judgment did this.

Request a letter from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the state of the water in Stouffville, if your home is now for sale, show this letter to prospective purchasers, if they will not provide such a letter, what does that tell you? Request that a written statement regarding their intentions, should the landfill site fail to contain the harmful leachate in the future. What will the Ministry do for you at that time? This Ministry gives approval to waste disposal sites. They are our elected representatives. They must be held accountable for our present dilemma. We the citizens must work together with Council to continue to keep Stouffville a safe place in which to live. We cannot simply bury our heads and pretend we do not have a problem. If we close the site, or at least have a leachate containment system, we will be protected in the future. To obtain this, we must fight for it. Nobody just gives you these expensive protections. That is truly what this hearing is all about. If you don't show you just don't know! So let's not criticize unfairly those who truly care about their family, friends and neighbors.

Bingo

Beginning Thursday (to-night), the Ballantrae Lions Club is holding weekly bingos at Cedar Beach Pavilion, Musselman's Lake. Regular games begin at 7 p.m., with early-birds at 6:30.

Concerned citizens

Dump closure the only solution

Dear Editor:

We feel obliged to respond both to the article appearing in last week's Tribune entitled "Lines recalled in Dump War" attributed to Jim Irving, and also to the editorial comment in the same edition. Both seem to reflect a lack of understanding of the situation surrounding the landfill controversy that requires comment.

We will not dwell on the personal attack made on Elaine Fritz. This was unnecessary, vindictive and inaccurate, not worthy of further discussion.

Mr. Irving seems to feel that those residents genuinely concerned about the potential for a catastrophe in this town:

(a) are on a "power trip";

(b) will not accept any point of view except their own, and

(c) are being unreasonable in not accepting the word of the Ministry of the Environment.

He is correct in one aspect only, in that we will not accept any point of view which does not hold that the dump must be closed, capped and purged. A disposal site which is known to contain toxic waste, situated on porous land above a community's water source, is an abomination which must cease: on this we certainly will not compromise.

To suggest that concerned citizens are

enjoying their first taste of power is a total reversal of the situation. What those, who are fighting against the landfill site are experiencing is a lack of power. Despite the common sense logic of our agreement, despite the possibility of environmental tragedy, despite 2400 signatures on a petition, we can do nothing. Nobody went out seeking publicity, it found us. The health survey which was done and reported to the assessment board, was the catalyst which generated media attention. That survey was done by a group of mothers who, far from trying to contrive an issue on which to fight ex-

pansion of the dump, were not even aware of its existence! They noted amongst themselves an unusual incidence of health problems, and decided to investigate further. It was purely by chance that they became aware of a possible association between their findings, and toxic waste.

Why do we not believe everything the Ministry of the Environment tells us? If Mr. Irving had followed this issue as closely as some other citizens he would know. Firstly, like it or not, the Ministry has a vested interest in keeping the Stouffville dump open. Secondly, there have been inconsistencies in the reports and conclusions

the Ministry has provided. Finally, despite statements about thousands of tests being done, their testing methods are far from being comprehensive. Should we blindly trust the people who gave us formaldehyde insulation, thalidomide, etc?

Notwithstanding the above, we are not aware of any statement, by any resident of the town, to the effect that our drinking water is not potable. There certainly is reason to be suspicious about the present situation: our instances of independent studies into the health of our residents, and the condition of our water is to hopefully prove our fears are at present unfounded.

However, the Ministry's own tests have revealed hard chemical pollution in their test wells, chemicals listed as priority pollutants at the Love Canal. Our major concern therefore is for the future, and for our children. To gamble with their health is to us an unacceptable risk, which must be fought with all the means at our disposal.

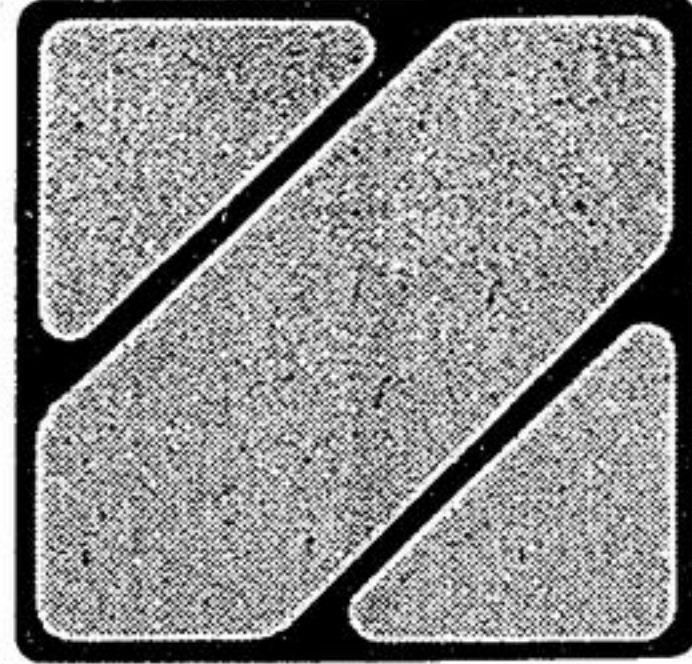
Tribune editorials have repeatedly suggested that the Government will only be influenced by facts, and that we should follow quietly along the normal channels of complaint. Regrettably, we feel this displays political naivete. The Government will only close our landfill site, and clean it out, when it is

politically expedient for them to do so. The concerns of a small town unfortunately count for little, when weighed against the garbage disposal needs of a huge metropolis, and the profitability of a large corporation which contributes to Government coffers. If we are to achieve our objectives then we must accept the political realities in this Province. This was never more clearly demonstrated, than by Mr. Norton's refusal to even talk with our mayor, until 200 of us arrived at Queen's Park, along with the television networks.

Our major concern is with our present and future health. Other

residents, including the Chamber of Commerce, are naturally worried that our concern has already damaged the business environment, and will depress real estate values. Which is more important is now irrelevant. The only way to remove our concern, and to restore confidence in the town, is to close the dump. It is time we all realized this, and fought together as a town, instead of engaging in conflict amongst ourselves.

Concerned Citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
Per: Charlie & Linda Parker,
Stuart & Nancy Constable
Hugh & Anne Gagnon,
Wayne & Sharon Charron.



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6 DAYS OF SPECIALS
9 A.M. TUES. JUNE 30 THRU TUESDAY JULY 7TH

CANADA "A" GRADE BEEF (FROM THE CHUCK)
TENDER CROSS CUT RIB ROASTS \$1.78 lb.

GOOD QUALITY 23% OR LESS FAT
MEDIUM GROUND BEEF \$1.78 lb.

AT THE DELI COUNTER...

CANADA PACKERS FINEST QUALITY COOKED HAM \$1.99 lb.

SCHNEIDERS BLUE RIBBON BOLOGNA \$1.79 lb.

SHOPSYS FINE PREPARED POTATO-EGG SALAD \$1.48 lb.

AT THE "WHARF" FRESH FISH COUNTER (NOT IN ALL MARKETS)

FRESH ATLANTIC PERCH FILLETS \$2.29 lb.

SCHNEIDERS COOKED PORTIONED HAM STEAKS 175g PKG. \$1.59

SCHNEIDERS COOKED MINI-DELI MEATS 250g. \$1.48

PRIDE OF CANADA SWEET PICKLED PORK SHOULDER BUTT \$1.78 lb.

ENGLISH CUCUMBERS 78¢ EA.

CALIFORNIA GROWN FRESH PLUMS 88¢ LB.

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PROD. OF U.S.A. CAN. #1 CARROTS 2 LB. BAG 78¢

SPECIAL! FROM FINEST YOUNG ONTARIO PORK FRESH! (NOT FROZEN) PORK HOCKS 44¢ lb.

CANADA "A" GRADE BEEF WITH ZEHRS SPECIAL TRIM

CUT FROM TENDER FULLY AGED CHUCKS BLADE STEAKS

SUPER SPECIAL! FINEST QUALITY AGED BLADE BONE REMOVED SHORT RIB ROASTS \$1.38 lb.

SUPER SPECIAL! FINE QUALITY DEVON BRAND SLICED 500g PKG. SIDE BACON \$1.18 PKG.

SCHNEIDERS LOOP STYLE POLISH SAUSAGE \$1.88 lb.

MAPLE LEAF BEEFBURGERS 750g PKG. \$2.98

SCHNEIDERS VAC PACKED RING BOLOGNA \$1.78 lb.

DEEP BASTED BUTTERBALL FROZEN 6-14 lbs. YOUNG TURKEYS \$1.28 lb. OVEN READY

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SCHNEIDERS VACUUM SKINLESS POLISH LINKS 300g. PKG. \$1.29

BURNS PORK & BEEF BREAKFAST LINK SAUSAGE \$1.48 lb.

PRIDE OF CANADA SMOKED COOKED DINNER PORK SHOULDER \$1.98 lb.

HEAD LETTUCE 25¢ EA.

PROD. OF ONT. CAN. #1 GRADE

FOODLAND ONTARIO NEW CROP

PROD. OF U.S.A. NO. 1 SWEET GREEN PEPPERS LB. 89¢

PROD. OF S. AFRICA - OUTSPAN NAVEL ORANGES 4 LB. BAG \$2.49

PROD. OF S. AFR. CAN. FANCY APPLES GRANNY SMITHS LB. 88¢

PROD. OF U.S.A. CAN. NO. 1 SPANISH (TYPE) ONIONS LB. 69¢