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Ballantrae students meet pen pals. See page 18.



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Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

## KA-BOOM!

This trailer came to a fiery end at Shadow Lake last week as part of a Top Cops TV show shoot. The trailer was used as the simulated hide-out of Montana criminals in the the CBS show.

### Environment

## Mayor vows to fight dump sites

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

As was stated in the Weekender, nearly 170 Whitchurch-Stouffville homes sit smack-dab in the middle of potential dump sites. And another 964 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents live within one kilometre of what could be the largest dump in Canada.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury told *The Tribune* "you could have scraped me off the floor," when news that Whitchurch-Stouffville may end up housing a 600-acre dump hit her office last week.

"I felt weak and sick," a teary Sainsbury confessed outside the town offices. Sainsbury's fight to close a Hwy 48 dumpsite in the early '80s helped catapult her into the mayor's chair she has held since.

"Here we go again," she said. Sainsbury assured *The Tribune*, however, that she would fight equally hard this time to keep a dump out of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Meanwhile, the province hopes to negotiate on friendly terms with people who may be forced off their lands. That's more than 170 people locally that have received notice by courier that their land is on a potential landfill site to be used by York Region and

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## Residents angered by IWA-proposed sites

BRUCE STAPLEY  
Correspondent

Residents living in the area of two of the landfill sites proposed for Whitchurch-Stouffville expressed anger and surprise upon learning their land could be turned into a garbage dump.

The provincial government's Interim Waste Authority (IWA) announced last week it was considering the area bordered by the St. John's and Vivian Sideroads, on either side of Warden Avenue, as two of its 19 possible locations for the site which must take trash from Metro Toronto and York Region.

"It would be absolute stupidity to spoil good farm land," said Dorothy Summerfeldt, who in 1949, along with her husband

Mervin, settled an 92-acre farm that sits on the southwest corner of the Vivian Sideroad and Warden Avenue site.

"It would be a shame to cut into the food supply like that," Summerfeldt told *The Tribune* last week.

She said her son David, who has taken over the property operation was "pretty hot under the collar," when he received the government courier notice informing him his property sits on land being considered for a 600-acre dumpsite.

"He just thinks they've gone out of their heads to want to spoil the waterways on the Oak Ridges Moraine," Summerfeldt said.

Walter Bumby, who for the

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## Stouffville dump sites 'obnoxious'

Placing Ontario's biggest garbage dump at the entrance of Whitchurch-Stouffville is an "obnoxious use of land," that the town will take a strong stand against, said town chief administrative officer, Bob Panizza.

"We're talking about major land use intrusion," Panizza told *The Tribune* in an interview last week.

When asked how much revenue a landfill site would bring the community, Panizza said the area's devastation would far outweigh the financial benefits.

"Can you really trade off dollars for the impact this type of land use would create?" Panizza said.

However, Panizza said the town would likely earn revenues upwards of \$400,000 a year in tipping fees (about \$50,000,) free garbage disposal rights (\$350,000,) and servicing benefits which would likely bring industry to the town.

"But we don't want money that way," he added.

Selecting the site which sits on part of the Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club would ruin the entrance to Stouffville

and the rural quietness of Lemonville.

Panizza said he has lived the nightmare first hand while working next door to the Keele Valley Landfill site in Maple while an employee with the City of Vaughan.

"Not only will there be trucks with garbage, but there will be trucks with



PANIZZA

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## Say NO to a dump in Whitchurch-Stouffville

To the Interim Waste Authority, Whitchurch-Stouffville has been selected for three potential dump sites by your committee. Minister of the Environment Ruth Grier has stated garbage will not be transported to other municipalities, but we are being asked to possibly accept Metro Toronto's trash in Whitchurch-Stouffville. We find this unacceptable and are hereby registering our objections.

Signed,

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach any additional comments; return to The Tribune at 6244 Main St. and we will see the IWA receives your complaints.)