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Region may sue province to keep out Metro trash

York may sue Ontario in an attempt to keep the region from taking Metro Toronto trash for the next 20 years.

Regional chairman Eldred King has stated York would be willing to accept some of Metro's trash, but will not be the "sole bearer of its waste."

York Region council met privately Thursday with a lawyer, hired to break down the province's arbitrary waste management law (Bill 143.)

If the province has its way, York would house a mega-dump three times larger than the already massive Keele Valley land-fill site in Vaughan.

A site will be selected by the provincially-appointed Interim Waste Authority (IWA) in the spring of 1993, from 19 potential sites pinpointed June 4.

York officials, although not ready to publicly release a strategy, told reporters Thursday that a legal report will be presented to council next month.

York Region has unsuccessfully tried to persuade Environment Minister Ruth Grier to spread Toronto's trash among all regions in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA.)

However, officials said Grier has refused to look at any other waste management alternative which evades its own Environmental Assessment Act mandate.

Warnings not working for teen smokers: Bradley

Information sheets and warnings against smoking are not enough to lure children away from the addictive habit, said one official last week.

Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley said despite advertisements and warnings in schools advising children

how addictive, expensive and unhealthy smoking is, many young adults are still buying tobacco.

"About 95 per cent of the kids my daughter hangs out with smoke," Bradley, who quit the habit five years ago, told officials Tuesday. The politician

voiced concern after reading a fact sheet on children and tobacco prepared by the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health for the Council for a Tobacco-Free Ontario, which includes facts about the "environment, tobacco and us."

The information bulletins are to be forwarded to all schools in Whitchurch-Stouffville as well as to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and to the Recreation Complex.

But Bradley said parents are left with a "false sense of security" if they think these information sheets will deter their children from smoking tobacco.

She said friends and their influence on other children is a far greater force than information bulletins warning students

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Folk songs for Canada

The signal bonfire rages in the foreground as David and Ivanka Bradley sing folk songs at Whitchurch/Stouffville Museum Friday. The event signified the end of the Ride for Canada celebra-

tion by the Ontario Equestrian Federation Inc. a 125-day cross-Canada trek for Canada's 125th. The trek began on February 28 on both coasts. The signal fire represents a birthday candle.

Youth Centre

Public meeting planned for this Thursday

If the young people in this community want something, they should come forward and prove it, officials said last week.

Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld told officials that despite what people think, he cares about local teenagers.

"I am concerned about youth, but I am also concerned about where tax dollars are going," Dunkeld said. The politician is referring to a recent survey of local students that showed nearly 80 per cent of teens want and need a youth centre. However, officials last week are skeptical

that the young people in Stouffville would support such an endeavor if it got off the ground.

Dunkeld said he wants to see teens prove they are worthy of a youth centre. "Let's see some youth come out and volunteer their time (to organize activities), then they'll get 100 per cent support," he challenged.

However, Mayor Fran Sainsbury said she is still skeptical that teenagers in Whitchurch-Stouffville haven't supported events in the past, and wonders whether they would support a youth centre.

There was a dance at Stouffville District Secondary

School last weekend and only 18 people showed. And a businessman offered his building to the teens and there was no interest there. "I don't know what they want," Sainsbury said.

A public information night is being held at the recreation complex Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. to discuss the issue, hosted by the recreation department and *The Tribune*.

Everyone is welcome to attend and share their views. Youth are especially encouraged to attend if they want to prove their interest in having a youth centre.