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## The Dump

### Residents pack anti-dump rally

JULIE CASPERSEN  
Staff Reporter

Canadian National Railways is selling the concept of sending trash northward and the people of York Region are willing to buy.

More than 700 placard-waving residents assembled at the Stouffville Recreation Complex Tuesday evening to hear about a plan touted as an alternative to a 40-million-tonne mountain of garbage proposed for York Region.

Rail Cycle North is a concept CN has been working on for three years where garbage generated in the Greater Toronto Area would be shipped north to the Kirkland Lake area where a former open-pit mine could be used as a waste disposal pit.

The proposal was developed by Notre Development Corp. The hundreds of people who attended the rally, hosted by Conservative MPP Don Cousens of Markham, were unanimously in favor of the plan that would divert garbage from their neighborhoods to the north.

In fact, when one woman suggested that the people living in the area of the Adams Mine might object she was booed into silence, as was a man who asked to hear the remainder of her remarks.

The current NDP plan is to locate a dumpsite in York, Durham and Peel regions.

Only the York site would be required to store Metro Toronto trash.

The Interim Waste Authority was appointed to carry out the search and targeted 19 possible sites in York Region, with two of these in Markham.

But Bill 143, the Waste Management Act, gives the government unlimited power in its site search and takes precedence over other legislation, but only in the GTA.

If the Kirkland Lake option was under consideration it would require an environmental assessment to determine its suitability.

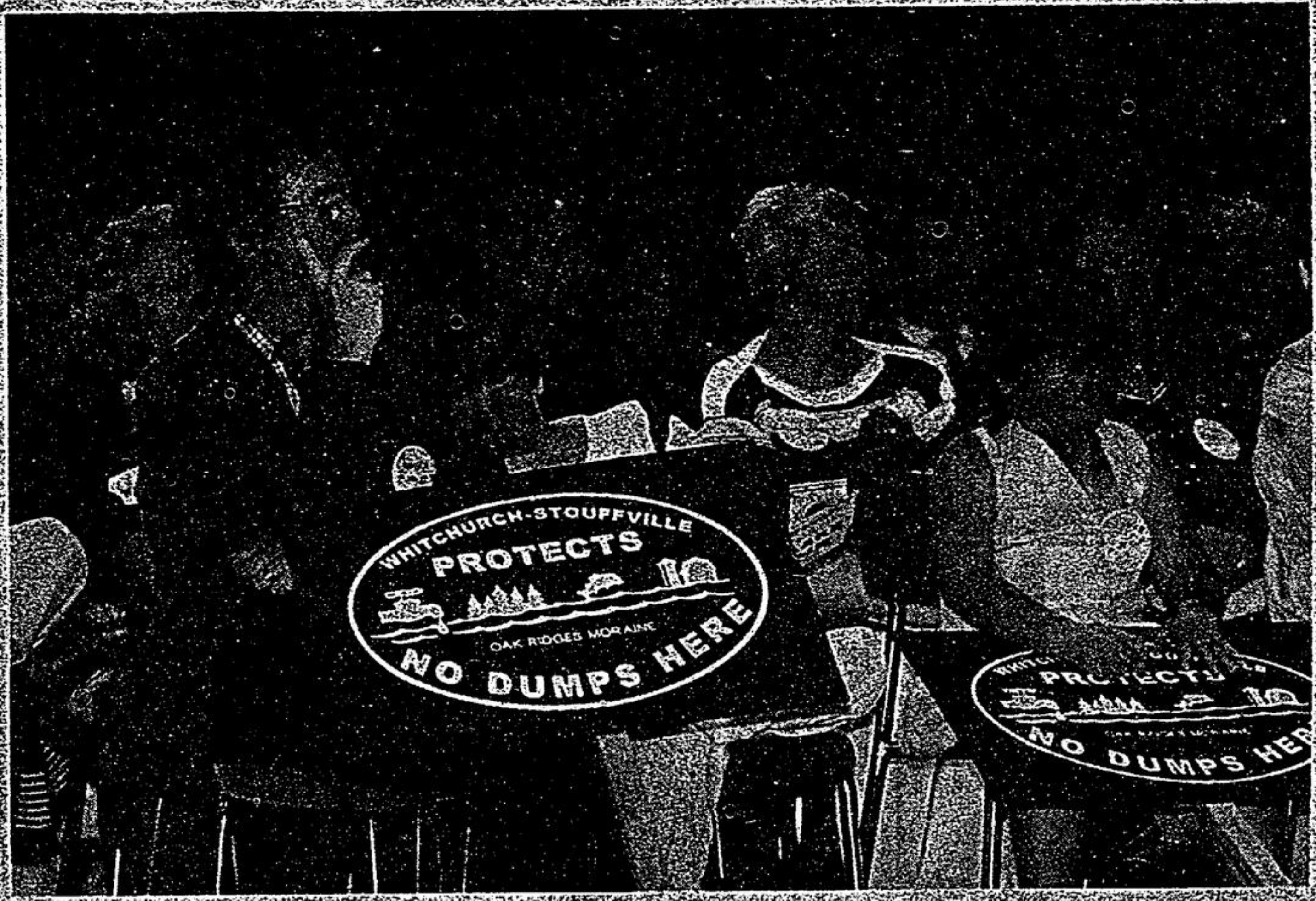


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Doug Benedict, left, with son Jassen, 10 and daughter Jennifer, 8, were among several hundred residents at a rally in support of rail-hauling garbage to Kirkland Lake Tuesday in Stouffville.

### Rail haul offers alternative to York dump

Half of the solid waste generated in and around Metro Toronto could be hauled northward for disposal and recycling, York Region residents were told.

Canadian National Railways and Notre Development Corp. presented what they say is the viable alternative to local landfill to an assembly of residents eager for options to an NDP plan to put a huge dump in

York Region. According to a CN report, unused open-pit mines would store solid waste and the concept would be a boon to the northern economy through job creation.

The proposal describes how waste will be compacted and sealed in containers, each holding 25 tonnes, which will be double stacked on flat cars and hauled to the Adams Mine

near Kirkland Lake for disposal or recycling at a plant to be built near the mine.

About 1.5 million tonnes of domestic solid waste would be shipped annually from the Greater Toronto Area to the mine.

Notre Development and Metro Toronto signed an agreement on the plan in late 1990 which expires Dec. 31, 1995.

## Novopharm to begin marketing AZT drug

LISA WHITE  
Correspondent

As early as next week Novopharm Ltd. will begin selling a generic brand of AZT, a drug that can prolong life for AIDS patients.

The company received approval from the Health Protection Branch this week and has already begun production of Novo-AZT.

The drug will be marketed nationally, as well as internationally.

Company president Leslie Dan projected national sales could generate \$12 million in revenue annually.

The brand name product Retrovir has been on the market for more than a year.

It sells at \$170 for 100 capsules.

Novopharm intends to sell its generic brand at a 30 to 35 per cent discount.

"We are merely recognizing the threat that AIDS represents to Canadians and we are proud to be able to

offer an equivalent high quality pharmaceutical at a reasonable price that will help ease the suffering of AIDS patients," said Dan.

Novopharm is currently contesting the validity of brand name producer Burroughs Wellcome's (BW Co.) patent in court. BW Co. filed patent applications in both the United States and Canada.

Novopharm asserts that BW Co. omitted to name the

original inventor of the use for AZT and said this renders the patent suspect.

Production and sale of Novo-AZT will not be affected by the trial, said Dan.

The Stouffville plant will not be ready to manufacture for a few months yet, said Dan.

But he said Novo-AZT might be produced there when it is ready.

### Suspected golf course vandal nabbed

A Stouffville youth is charged with mischief following a trail of destruction through a local golf course two weeks ago.

Police said culprits started numerous golf carts at

the Gormley Greens Gold Course at Woodbine Ave. and Bethesda Dr.

The carts were driven around the property, leaving a trail of damaged trees, greens and fairways. The

carts were also damaged. The suspects were chased away by a groundskeeper.

One suspect was arrested Monday evening, York police reports revealed this week.

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