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The Dump

Consultants say IWA 'made mistake'

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Correspondent

They've made a mistake. That is what the town's consulting team concluded the Interim Waste Authority (IWA) did in applying its selection criteria and arriving at its choice of three potential dump sites in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The IWA has drawn conclusions before compiling statistics and is working from inaccurate data because it is readily available, town officials were told during the first council-in-committee meeting after summer break Tuesday.

The consulting team, comprised of Kentridge Johnston Ltd., Gartner Lee Ltd., and Ecological Services for Planning Ltd., was hired in June to prepare the report.

The report states they found flaws and inconsistencies which provide "sufficient reason" to remove sites W2 and W4B/W4C from further consideration.

If an eight kilometre buffer zone were set around the Markham Airport, as recommended by Transport Canada, the W2 site would be eliminated, said the team.

They also said the IWA was inconsistent when it overlooked Spring Lakes Golf Course as a significant recreational facility. And that the IWA overlooked the difficulty of re-establishing Canada's largest golf course elsewhere.

Sites W4B and W4C can be eliminated with the land use criteria which states built-up areas of 15 dwellings, institutions, community and recreation features or commercial businesses within 500 metres distance of each other require a 400 metre buffer zone, said the team.

By that definition, Pine Orchard should gain a buffer zone which would reduce both W4 sites below the minimum size requirement for the dump.

All three sites are above regionally significant aquifers, or water tables, and all need further study and mapping of flood lines and cold water fish-

eries, which could reduce the area of the sites with buffer zones, said the team.

Finally, all three sites would rely heavily on engineering to control contaminant releases to the environment, said the team.

And Leon Kentridge, a principal of Kentridge Johnston Ltd. said, "Engineering systems will

fail given time."

After the presentation, Mayor Fran Sainsbury expressed concern that the IWA would not retrace its steps and add the team's findings to its compiled data.

"They're just going to continue this agony. Whether (the sites) should have ever been there in

the first place doesn't seem to bother them," she said.

Addressing the mayor's concerns, Kentridge said, "My own feeling is if (the IWA) see these issues and realize the gravity of them, it is almost inconceivable that they won't revisit it."

The consultants' report was delivered to the downtown

Toronto IWA office on Wednesday, Aug. 5, one day before the IWA submission deadline.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11 the team will make its full presentation to the IWA at 20 Bay St., Toronto at 10 a.m.

The consultants' findings will be presented to Whitchurch-Stouffville residents Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Recreation Complex at 7:30 p.m.

After the presentation there will be time for questions from the panel.

Bobby Shaw recovering

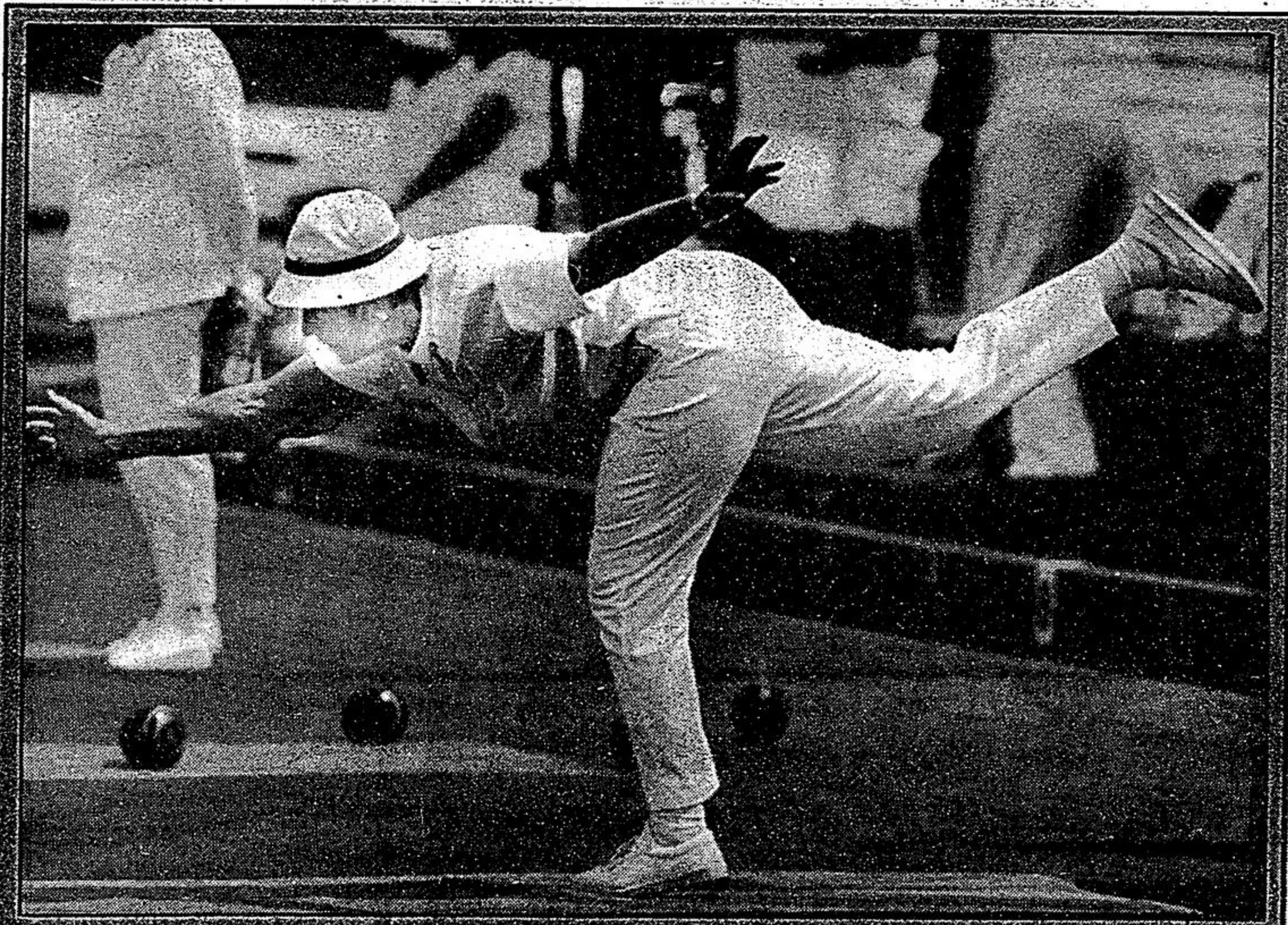
Bobby Shaw, 6, was orphaned and may be paralyzed after a collision that killed his mother Lynn and five-year-old sister Amanda on Brock Road just north of Claremont at noon on Wednesday, July 29.

Family friend Diane Peak told *The Tribune* this week doctors could not yet say if the paralysis would be permanent. Further tests can not be done because of his condition. The young Uxbridge resident was taken to the Hospital For Sick Children by air ambulance after the car he was travelling in collided head-on with an empty gravel truck travelling in the opposite direction. Shaw was reported to have head and back injuries and was declared in critical condition upon his arrival at the hospital.

The hospital now reports his condition as fair. Shaw's sister Melanie Provis, 24, is now his legal guardian. Shaw will live with her and her two daughters, in Stouffville, when he is released from the hospital.

Provis said Shaw has been told about his family and he is "holding his own." But he still asks for them, she said.

A trust fund has been set up to help with Shaw's medical expenses at Guarantee Trust.



Hop skip and a jump

Bowler Eleanor Crossen of Stouffville shows Olympic style in a game versus Agincourt Lawn Bowling Club. Crossen is the Stouffville skip.

Scarborough man killed in Ballantrae accident Sunday

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An 18-year-old Scarborough man died in a vehicle collision in Ballantrae on the afternoon of Sunday Aug. 2.

David Barr was travelling south on Highway 48, just south of Aurora Road, at 12:20 p.m. when he lost control in the rain and veered into the northbound lane.

Barr's Toyota was struck by an oncoming Pontiac driven by a 41-year-old West

Hill resident. The Pontiac driver and two sons aged seven and eight sustained minor injuries.

His 33-year-old wife sustained what police called major injuries.

All involved were taken by ambulance to York County Hospital in Newmarket, where Barr was pronounced dead on arrival. Ontario Provincial Police said no alcohol was involved and no charges will be laid.

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