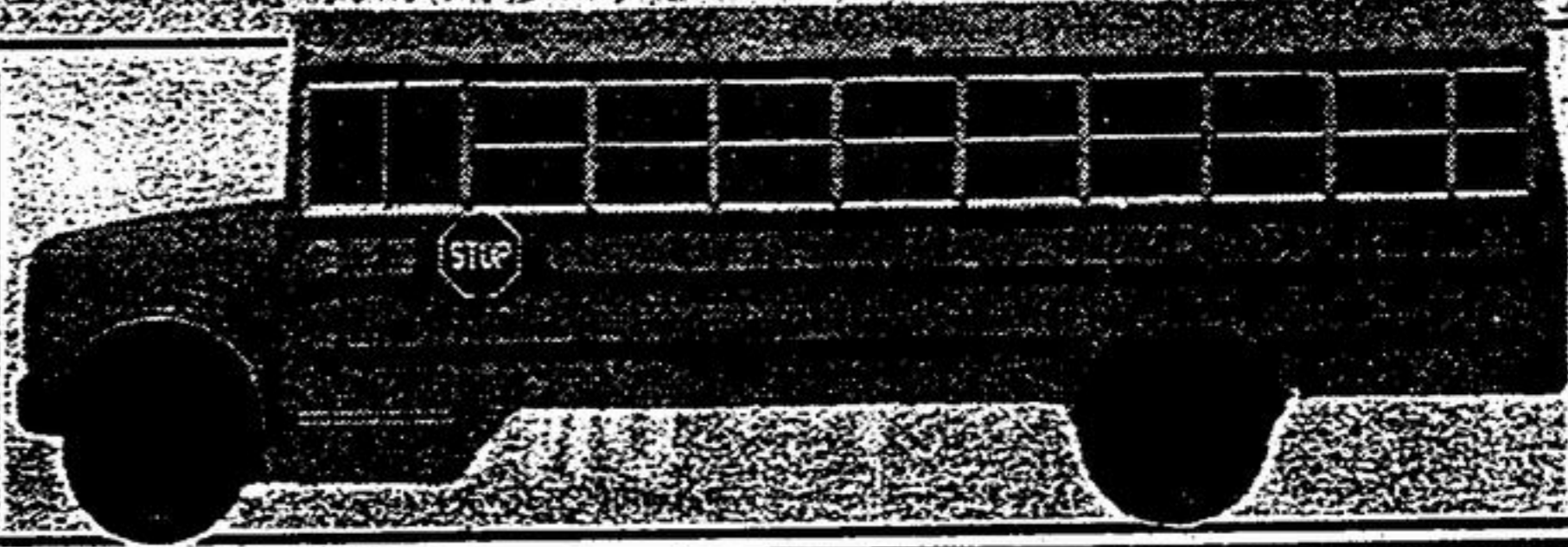


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## Council

# Garbage tender to be decided

TRACY KIBBLE Staff Reporter

Local politicians were expected to decide last night whether

to tender out the \$2.3 million garbage collection contract — despite informal promises to long-time contractor Miller

Waste that the job was theirs. Officials called a special council meeting last night at 9 p.m. to discuss whether or not Miller

Waste Disposal Systems should have to enter a bidding contest with other local disposal companies.

Officials had come under fire recently for secretly waiving the town's tender policy during budget deliberations last March, opting instead to hand the multi-million dollar job to long-time associate, Miller Waste.

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice has publicly accused the town of robbing its residents of obtaining the best possible price, brought on, he said, by the fair, open, business-like policy of tendering the lucrative five-year contract.

But Prentice said he was "hushed" and was even publicly threatened with a lawsuit during a special tax-hike meeting last April if he mentioned the waiver publicly.

The issue became public, however, just before the summer break when chief administrative officer, Merlin Dewing confirmed officials waived the tender policy regarding the garbage collection contract.

Although the town is within its legal right to waive the tender policy, Dewing has said officials may decide to re-think their earlier decision and tender the work.

The decision could go either way, since the original vote to waive the tender squeaked through on a 4-3 vote, with Prentice, Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley and Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril voting down the move.

Miller Waste, which has a representative sitting on the town's waste management advisory committee, had told

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DEWING



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## Hats off

Peter Wideman makes a grab for his dad's hat on the upswing as the two were enjoying a late summer's day at the park last week.

According to Environment Canada, summer is here for a little while longer, with a very pleasant fall in store for this area.

# Mississauga's McCallion here tonight

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion will share economic insight with local business people tonight at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

The Stouffville BIA and the Chamber of Commerce have

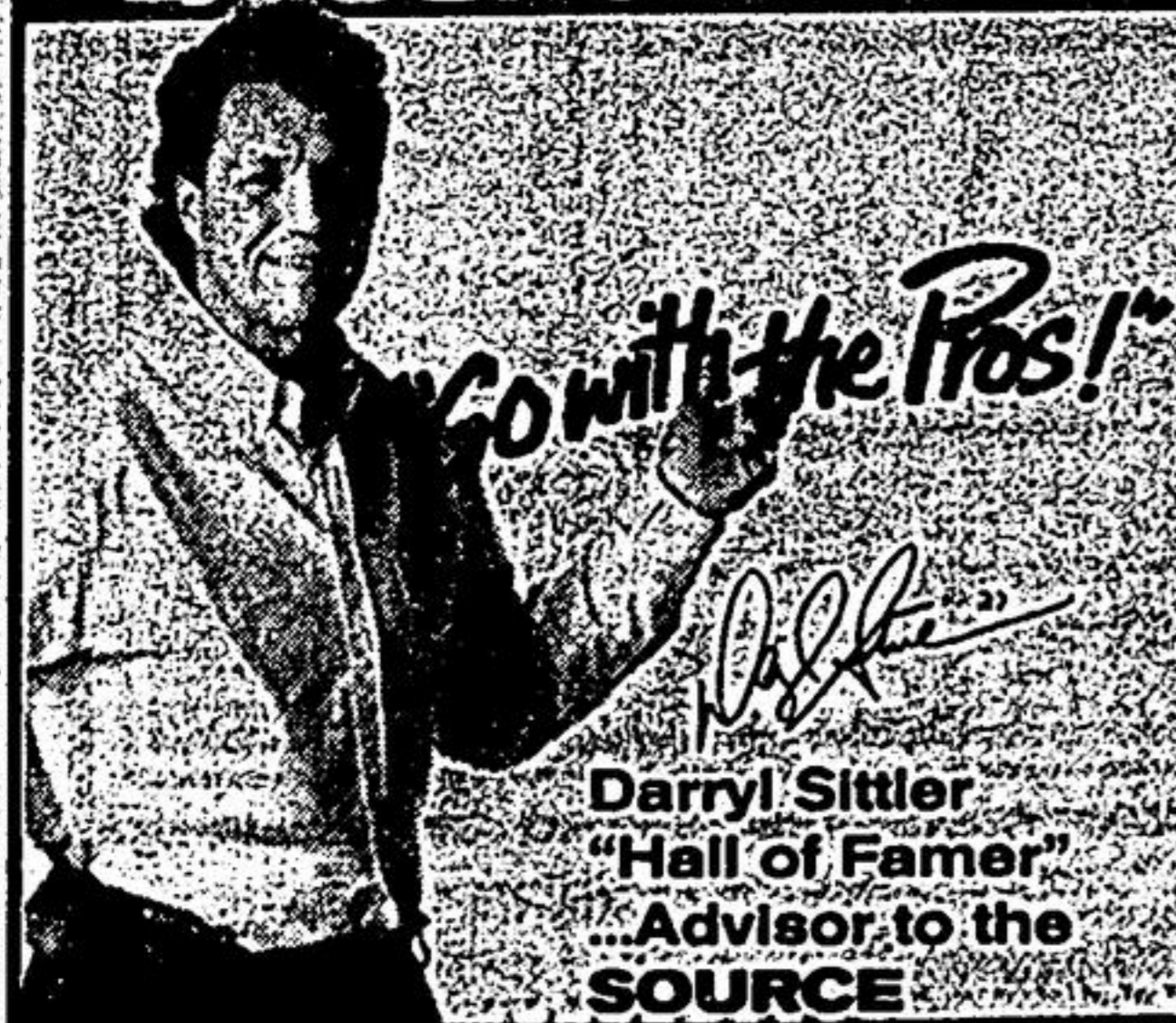
joined forces to sponsor the event in which McCallion will talk about running a small business successfully during a recession.

The flamboyant Mississauga mayor will meet with local busi-

ness people tonight, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. where the evening begins with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, tea and coffee.

Advance tickets (\$20) are still available at *The Tribune* and *Freckles on Main Street*.

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