

# Origin of wood waste dumped on property remains a mystery

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A Stouffville company got stuck with someone else's junk.

About 13,000 cubic metres of wood waste were dumped onto the property at Concession 8 by one of the property's previous owners, yet no one seems to know who.

"We don't know where it originated," said Tom Parry of Stouffville's engineering and planning department.

The land is presently owned by Blue Circle Canada Inc., a division of Canada Building Materials (CBM) Inc.

"We were stuck with another company's problem," said Peter Graham, a property manager for CBM.

Under provincial law, any waste left on a property becomes the responsibility of the current owners, even if they didn't place it there.

The wood waste — which is mainly construction material, cut ends and short pieces of wood — was originally going to be burned by CBM, but that idea was turned down by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) just a couple of weeks ago, according to Graham.

"We're going to grind it down into mulch and chip-sized pieces," said Graham, pending approval of MOE.

The MOE must issue a Certifi-

cate of Approval before CBM can start its cleanup efforts. Stouffville Council has

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already given the go-ahead to CBM at a previous council meeting.

If the MOE approves of

CBM's plans, it will oversee the clean-up, which will take an estimated eight weeks to complete.



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