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Toronto Local 79 inside workers block the entrance to the Keele Valley landfill site in Maple, where York Region dumps its garbage.

## Toronto strike slows trash

York Region may have to ship out garbage if strike drags on

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York Region plans to ship its trash to St. Catharines if striking City of Toronto employees close the Keele Valley Dump or block its entrance for long periods.

The region could then sue Toronto for the extra disposal cost — \$126 per tonne of garbage or about \$102,000 a week, said Gord Landon, chairperson of York's solid waste strategy committee.

"They have an obligation to accept our waste," said Landon, a regional councillor for Markham.

The region's main dump on Keele Street in Maple has been picketed by workers of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79 since the strike by inside employees of Toronto began Friday.

Yesterday, however, strikers made the columns of trucks lined up to tip wait only 20 minutes. And, unlike pickets on Friday, they no longer delayed trucks leaving the site.

"We feel that we can live with that," Jeff Flewelling, the region's manager of solid waste management, said yesterday.

A wait that would trigger the waste transfer to St. Catharines would have to be "something substantially longer than 20 minutes", he said.

Firms that handle garbage and rely on quick access to Keele Valley wanted the strike brought to a quick end, whether the situation at the dump escalates or not.

"When they're holding it up, it really does cause congestion," Gina Trezzi, trucking manager of Across Canada Disposal, said yesterday, adding the strikers' blockade is slowing down her small Woodbridge firm and making it harder to please customers.

"It's monopoly," Trezzi said. "Where else (besides Keele Valley) are you going to go?"

A spokesperson for the union could not be reached yesterday.

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Attention landlords, builders and other housing agencies

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Under the rent supplement program, the government contracts with landlords to offer rent-gated-to-income accommodation in privately-owned buildings. The units are assigned to low-income tenants whose rents are subsidized by the government.

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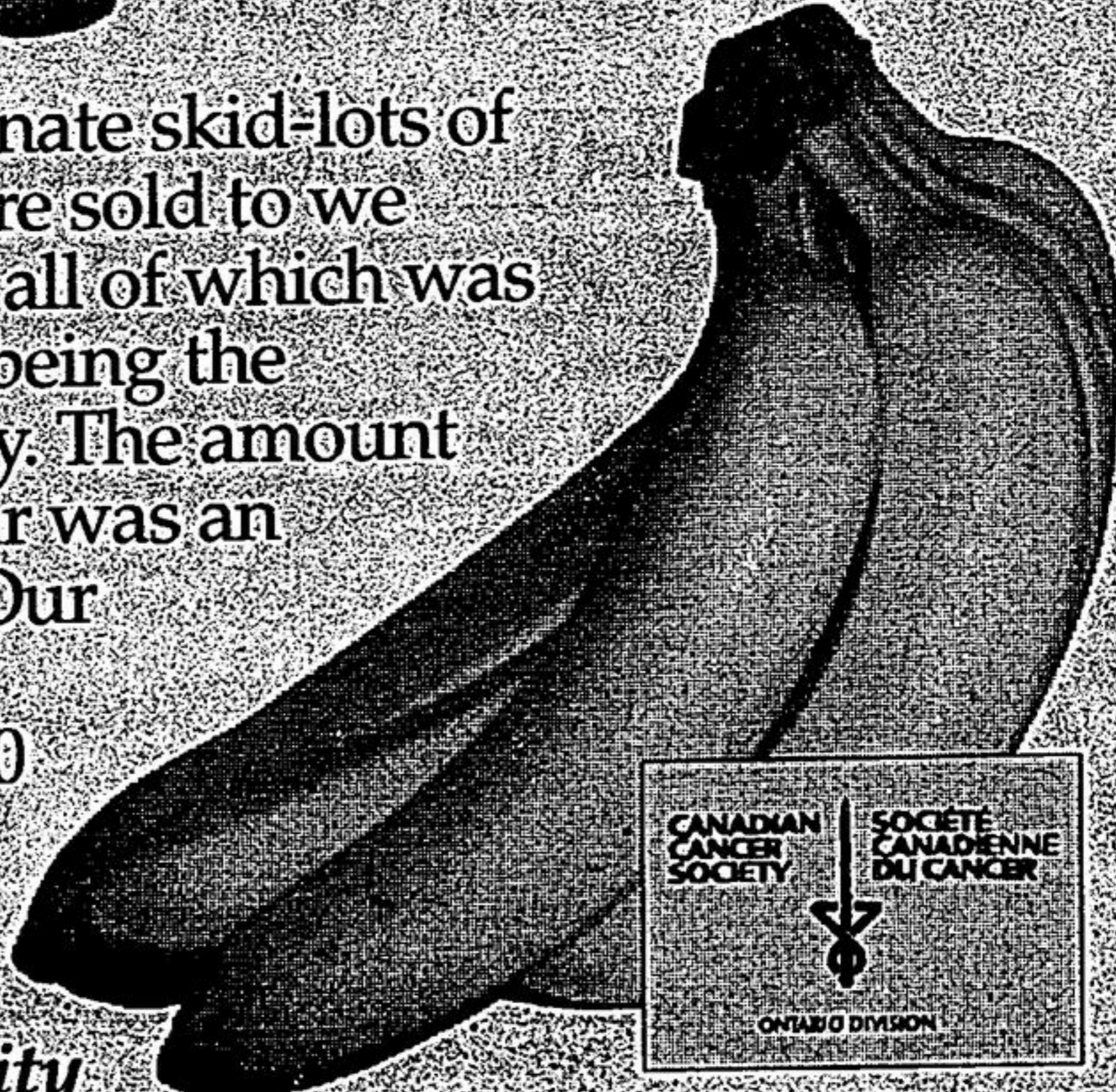
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