

Province backs off dump

BY FRED SIMPSON
Staff Writer

Vaughan residents are applauding the provincial government's statement that Toronto will not be permitted to extend the life of the Keele Valley landfill site longer than 2002, but they still have their guard up.

The announcement came after a Toronto staff report raised a groundswell of anger among Vaughan residents by suggesting Keele Valley could be kept open until 2006 by diverting some garbage to other dumps in Ontario and the United States.

"I'm thrilled that the provincial government has stepped in, because we have been asking them for years to support the closing of the dump," said Vaughan CARES spokesperson Heidi Kreiner-Ley.

At the same time, she emphasized her group isn't taking anything for granted. She still plans to address the Toronto Works committee today, before it decides on the garbage options in the staff report.

"Until we have some assurances in writing that they do have the power to stop this, we are staying on course. We've had promises in the past and not that we doubt the provincial government and their support, we just want to make sure," she said.

In her deputation, Kreiner-Ley will ask councillors to reject the staff report in view of the stand taken by the province.

"I feel it would be wasting everyone's time because the provincial government has clearly stated it will not happen."

Environment Minister Dan Newman said in the legislature Tuesday his government respects the wishes of Vaughan residents and will use its authority to curtail any move to keep the dump open until 2006.

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Instead, she says Toronto should start "looking seriously at alternatives instead of wasting all our time. This should have been done years ago."

The report recommends Keele Valley take only 700,000 tonnes of garbage annually, instead of its usual 1.4 million tonnes, to extend the life of the dump. The city stands to save \$62 million over 20 years by keeping Keele Valley open, the report shows.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson will also be speaking at the works committee meeting. She said the support from the province "is the greatest we have ever received."

Jackson said that issue was

strictly a monetary one for Toronto. "The only reason for the extension is money and I've been told the cost would only amount to a dollar a person a year, or something. It's nothing really," she said.

"If you put that up against the continued dangers to the environment, I think I can convince the Toronto councillors it's not a good deal."

Vaughan-King-Aurora MPP Al Palladini, who was to address a rally in Maple last night, said he would do "whatever it takes" to stop Toronto from extending the life of the dump.

"The people of Maple have had the dump in their back yard long enough. There were commitments made that they would have to endure until 2002 and I think that commitment should be kept," said Thornhill MPP Tina Molinari.

"This outrageous plan to extend the life of Keele Valley dump goes directly against Toronto's commitment to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine and the \$300,000 being spent to fight the effects of development," said Vaughan CARES president Peter Badali.

"Seeing that Keele Valley was never a disposal option during the recent process in Toronto, we take this new plan as a direct insult and challenge from Toronto for a major confrontation with the community," he said.

Toronto report surprises councillor

BY PATRICK CASEY
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A City of Toronto staff report recommending the Keele Valley landfill site remain open until 2006 could derail an option to haul York Region's waste by train to an abandoned mine in Kirkland Lake.

Yesterday, Markham Regional Councillor Gord Landon said he was surprised to hear Toronto councillors are considering a proposal to keep the Keele Valley dump in Maple open an extra four years, especially since the city favoured a plan to ship its trash to the deserted iron ore mine in Northern Ontario.

"I feel betrayed on this," said Landon, chairperson of the region's solid waste committee. "I just don't understand where they are coming with this. Toronto cancelled a meeting (Tuesday) on a shared waste process and have thrown everything into havoc. This puts us in an awkward position."

With Keele Valley scheduled to close in 2002, the regional committee adopted a two-track approach to waste management, including a local solution that involves trucking 175,000 tonnes of waste a year to a landfill in Essex County or dumps south of the border in Michigan or Niagara Falls, N.Y.

But a shared venture with Toronto and other G1A municipalities would be the most eco-



GORD LANDON: Markham regional councillor feels betrayed by Toronto's suggestion on dump.

nomical solution. An application by Rail Cycle North Ltd. to dispose of both Toronto and York Region's garbage by train has been the leading contender among the bidders for the 20-year, \$1-billion contract.

However, a Toronto committee will spend the next two days considering a staff report that cuts the amount of trash sent to Keele Valley in half — 700,000 tonnes — to keep the dump open until 2006. The city's remaining 1.1 million tonnes of waste would be trucked to three other landfill sites, saving \$62 million over 20 years.

It's a move that has already upset Vaughan-area residents and prompted a plea from

Queen's Park to close Keele Valley by its 2002 target date.

Landon, who called Toronto's recommendation a short-term solution, insists the region can't proceed with the rail-haul option without Toronto coming on board.

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"Rail Cycle North can't afford to do the capital investments if the deal is just with the region. They need Toronto involved to make it work," he said. "This is not a very co-operative approach to the whole thing."

"I anticipated getting some sort of Canadian solution and this could leave us with the States or Keele Valley — and it is not going to be Keele Valley. I thought Toronto has a strong environmental criteria, but this would be a bad environmental issue with the truck traffic going into an old, leaking landfill site at Keele Valley."

"Everything is really messed up."

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BLOOMINGTON GOSPEL CHURCH
13660 Ninth Line
(South of 47 Highway formerly Bloomington Rd.)
Pastor - Dr. John Howarth
Sunday, June 25th, 2000
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - "Christians with hidden wealth" Matthew 6:19-21
6:30 p.m. - Baptismal Service at Stouff. Baptist Church "Why did Jesus get baptized?" Mathew 3:13-17
Everyone Welcome

Parkview Village
12184 Ninth Line South
Stouffville
Sunday, June 25th, 2000
Pastor Mike Anderson
Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church
7:00 p.m. Auditorium

Wideman Mennonite Church
Welcome to Worship Hour - 11:00 a.m.
Christian education for all ages - 9:45 a.m.
Pastor - Ken Wellington
1 km. North of Major Mackenzie on Hwy. 48
Church Office: 640-6219 For a ride call: 640-4185

VIVIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
473-3543
On Hwy. 48 at Vivian Rd.
Pastor Robert Okum
Holding forth the doctrines of grace
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Everyone is Welcome

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
34 Church St. N. 640-1163
Worship Minister: Rev. Robert Nightingale
Education Minister: Nancy Montelth
Sunday, June 25th, 2000
10:30 am Worship Service
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640-1461
The Rev. Robert A. Shields
The Rev. Phil Cooper
Celebrating 121 years of ministry 1879-2000
Sunday, June 25th, 2000
Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Church School provided for children aged 4 - 10 yrs.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 2000
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6:00 p.m. - Kim Fox Eastern Pentecostal Bible College Intern. Kids welcome to VBS July 11-16, 2000 Ark Ave.

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Sunday, June 25th, 2000
- Everybody Welcome -
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Message - "Sowing the Seed"
Guest speaker: Murray Bennett (Gideons)
Music - Dave Lawrenson
6:30 pm - Baptismal Service
Join us for Prayer - Wed. 7:30 p.m.
"When a person's temper gets the best of him it reveals the worst of him"
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