

Trash initiative must be region-wide to work, says Bell

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"It wouldn't work if, say, Richmond Hill did it and Markham and Vaughan didn't do it," Mr. Bell said.

"If we got serious about it across the Greater Toronto region, it would work."

Amid all the speculation of fees and incentives, Mr. Bell said the ever-increasing cost of managing waste will always fall to the municipalities.

"You can't ignore garbage collection; it's not a frill," he said. "It's not something you can do without."

"We all want to recycle more. But you've got to do something with what's left."

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What's left could be greatly reduced if residents are educated and encouraged to make diversion work, said Mrs. Magarelli.

She lives in Vaughan, which posts the lowest diversion rate — last pegged at 11 per cent — in York Region.

"The landfill site in Vaughan is going to be closing. Inevitably our costs are going up."

"We're going to have to look for a better solution," she said. "I think it's important we spend something now."

Mrs. Magarelli said the region needs to take the lead in the initiative.

"There's no way Vaughan by itself is going to find a solution," she said.

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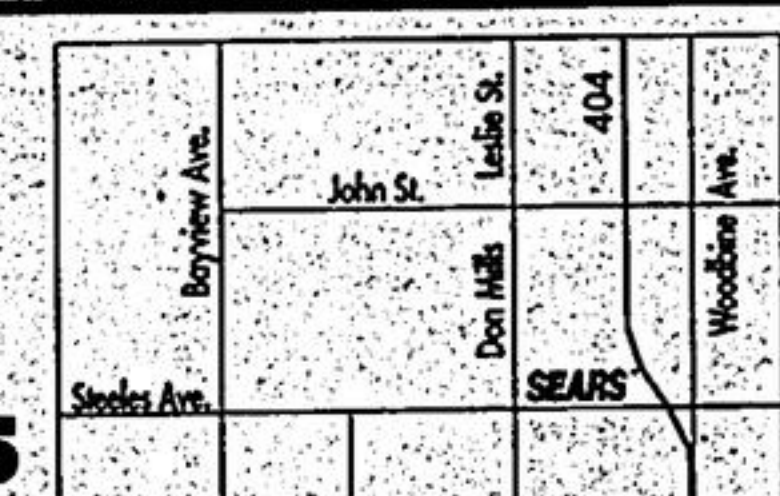
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