

595 Kingswood Place,
Burlington, Ontario.

December 1, 1984

The Corporation of the City of Burlington
P.O. Box 5013
Burlington, Ontario L7R 3Z6

Attention: Mayor Roly Bird

Dear Sir:

Re: Bayview Landfill Site

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to the deterioration of the cover of the above site, formerly known as the Burlington landfill site closed in 1970 or 1972.

A visual inspection, made November 15, 1984 following some rain, found findings that are unacceptable according to the guidelines laid out by the Ministry of the Environment for the Halton Region site in 1984, in order to protect closed landfill sites and the environment.

Some of the findings are:

- 1) in approaching the landfill site on King Road north of the Service Road a short distance past the Rifle Range building just at the top of the first small hill, the gate has been taken off and a road put in over the landfill site from east to north-west to allow parking for the Quarter Horse Club; in addition, halfway from the entrance off King Road to the parking area for the Quarter Horse Club, another gate has been taken off as well.
- 2) About 1,000 ^{yards} years in from the entrance off King Road, another road runs off the main road to the south end of the landfill site and at the end of it there is considerable refuse that has been dumped there.
- 3) At the junction of these two roads there is a culvert under the main road - there is a great deal of erosion at this point and along the east side of the road to the south there is exposed garbage in many places.
- 4) The north section of the Bayview landfill site, which is used for competitions, there are two large areas for the horses to perform.

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A total of 26 deep furrows gouged into them, to a depth of 18-20 inches deep were found. The result is heavy soil erosion at the west end of these two areas and in many places the furrows have been gouged right into the garbage, leaving it exposed - this is mainly in the section to the south.

- 5) Some of the gouges had ice in them and when this was broken, there was an empty space of about 10 inches deep with no water - this would indicate that the water had seeped down into the garbage.
- 6) We are concerned because of the excessive amount of erosion on this site which would allow large amounts of surface and runoff water to penetrate into the landfill site - while this site was an operating garbage dump, it was not backfilled daily, consequently this could greatly ^{lead} to the leachate problem.
- 7) Another concern is that of leachate getting into the Indian Creek system.

We would like to see the City of Burlington and the Ministry of the Environment take steps to investigate the situation and appropriate remedial action taken. A number of pictures were taken which we have taken the opportunity of enclosing.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Sid Chumley, Chairman,
Solid Waste Management Committee,
West Burlington Citizens Group.

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cc: Mr. A. Brandt, Minister of the Environment
Toby Vigod, Canadian Environmental Law Association
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