

LANDFILL

Mr. Garfield Dunlop (Simcoe North): "We, the undersigned residents of the province of Ontario, draw the attention of the House to the following:

"That the city of Orillia has two landfills on the shore of Lake Simcoe;

"That in 1991, it was reported that over 78 million litres of leachate, from the operating landfill, enters the waterways, including Lake Simcoe, every year;

"That five municipalities depend on Lake Simcoe for drinking water;

"That in November 2004 the city disposed of contaminated soil at the operating site;

"That this contaminated soil was excavated from a brownfield site where groundwater tests revealed vinyl chloride at 82,600 times the MOE limit and trichloroethylene at almost 15,000 times the MOE limit, as well as several other hazardous compounds that also exceeded MOE limits;

"That selected soil samples, used for testing for waste disposal purposes, were blended and dry and only four samples were used to test over 40,000 tonnes.

"That no order from the minister was provided to the city of Orillia as required in the certificate of approval; and

"That, even though it was reported in the Legislature that the city would store the soil in windrows, the soil was actually bulldozed into the landfill.

"Therefore, your petitioners call upon the provincial government to protect our drinking water supply by requiring the city of Orillia to remove the 40,000-plus tonnes of contaminated soil from the landfill and, further, require the city of Orillia to develop leachate collection and treatment systems at both lakeside landfills."

I will present this to Marc to take down.