

May opposes dump plan

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The campaign is aimed at stopping construction of the controversial dumpsite, scheduled to be built in Tiny Township later this year.

Today's event – which will begin at 11 a.m. – will include guest speakers such as Maude Barlow, senior adviser to the United Nations on water issues and the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians; Green Party Leader Elizabeth May; and local activist Stephen Ogden.

Beaton acknowledged having environmental heavyweights like May and Barlow on their side will go a long way for the cause.

“They're leaders for Canada, and Canada should be listening to their leaders,” he told *The Mirror*. “People that do positive things are very important, and people that do negative things should be stopped.”

The chief concern of those opposed to the site is the damage they say it will do to the surrounding water.

“You don't build garbage dumps on surface springs,” said Beaton, who last year walked from the site to Queen's Park in protest.

Despite the fact a permit to take water has already been issued and the dump is expected to open by the end of this year, Beaton and his supporters plan to continue their fight.

“They've built nuclear reactors and taken them down after because people stopped them.

“There were 15 councillors that voted against (Site 41) and 16 that voted for it,” he said. “That's obvious that there's something not right.

“I think it's in the people's best interest if they speak out for the children's future.”

Beaton's online petition, which he said is to “educate the people and ask them to get involved in protecting Mother Earth's blood,” currently has at least 400 signatures.

A Facebook page titled Stop Site 41 has more than 900 members.

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MIRROR FILE PHOTO

Environmental activist Danny Beaton brought his protest against the proposed Site 41 landfill to Queen's Park on Nov. 21. The Internet is the latest battleground, with the launch of an online petition against the dump plan.

Thief spotted prowling around cars

Police are cautioning people living in Tiny Township to lock their vehicles and remove their valuables.

Southern Georgian Bay OPP officers have been patrolling near the 10th and 11th Concessions recently in an attempt to find a person seen entering unlocked cars.

The crook is described as white and more than six feet tall. He was spotted wearing a black coat and hat, both with fur trim.

Police ask the public to report anyone suspicious – particularly near Cawaja Beach – by calling 526-3761 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Township reimbursed for water work

\$625,000 grant relates to system upgrades

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The federal government has cut a \$625,000 cheque to help cover the costs of water-system upgrades in Tiny Township.

The funding relates to work mandated by the province following the 2000 Walkerton tragedy, in which seven people died from drinking contaminated water.

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Henk Blom, Tiny Township's manager of public works, said the upgrades were completed between 2002 and 2007.

“A lot of municipalities ran into cost overruns,” he recalled. “The Township of Tiny ran into a pretty significant cost overrun because we have so many water systems.”

He explained this funding is Ottawa's reimbursement for its portion of those extra costs; the province had previously coughed up its own one-third share.

“This is a very positive announcement for us, in the sense that it allows us to maintain our water rates and use the funding for other purposes that council might have in mind,” said Blom, noting the cash will go into the township's capital reserves.

The funding falls under the umbrella of the Ontario Potable Water Program, which provides financial support to municipalities that have experienced increased costs in dealing with mandated system improvements.

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Novelist passionate about literacy

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The all-day realLITy symposium will also include workshops with community members whose livelihoods revolve around literacy. These include Dock 104.1 radio announcer Meg Whitton, author David Dupuis, cartoonist Bob Kain and former sports journalist John Gordon.

Calder said she has been “unbelievably amazed” by the support the initiative has received: “The whole community has kind of stepped in to help (our students) prepare for the literacy test.”

Boyden will speak to the entire student body in the morning. All 130 Grade 10 students will then take part in workshops throughout the day, and will listen to a reading by the author to wrap up the symposium.

Calder said she hopes students will finish the day “motivated about literacy” and more aware of the importance society places on reading and writing skills.

This is the first such event at PSS, but Calder said she hopes to see it become an annual happening.

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Site 41 foes bring fight to the Internet

Activist starts online petition against dump proposal

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Opponents of proposed landfill Site 41 have taken their fight online.

Environmental activist Danny

Beaton has started a Stop Site 41 petition on Facebook, the popular social-networking website.

It is to be launched officially today (Thursday) at a Queen’s Park press conference in hopes of getting the attention of Premier Dalton McGuinty and Environment Minister of Environment John Gerretsen.

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