# Reprieve for Heller's over chromium in sewage system

Heller and Co. Ltd. with polluting the region's list. sewage system.

Councillor Dave Whiting said he and Mayor Peter Pomeroy went to the region's planning and public works committee last week over the naming of six companies, two in Halton Hills, as polluting the sewage system. Whiting says they won Heller's a reprieve.

The problem involves Heller's Georgetown plant. A violation notice was filed last month with the firm after negotiations between the region and the firm failed to solve the problem.

High chromium levels have been found in the firm's discharged waste, however, Whiting notes both the federal government in Canada and in the

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Many of the 40 trees being cut down or trimmed around town have apparently reached their life span and are dying, according to town engineer Bob Austin.

In a report to Halton Hills general committee requested by Councillor Dave Whiting recently, Austin explained that at one time the town brought in Dr. Laking of the Royal Botanical Gardens to comment on the trees in town. At that time, Austin said, Laking noted they had reached their life span. It was Dr. Laking, Austin said, who recommended a systematic approach to replanting and removing of

The region is going to back off on charging Frank United States have taken chromium off the harmful

There are indications the province will also take chromium off their list, but that hasn't taken place yet. The province regulates municipalities so chromium is included in the region's list of harmful substances.

Both the firm and region will now be pushing the province to delist chromium so Heller's won't be violating regulations any longer.

Whiting says he is also trying to find out why Canada Battery in Acton was listed as a polluter by the region when the report showed there's been no violation notices over high effluent lead levels since the start of this year.

### trees felled

the dead trees.

Most of the maple trees, the report said, are over 90-years-old, and urban reconstruction, hydro, Bell Telephone and Cable TV are some of the reasons why they are coming down. Reconstruction has caused damage to roots and trunks and branches are interferring with the utilities. Continual trimming eventually results in damage to the tree through imbalance, water absorption and rotting.

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## Don't need planners-Whiting

Having planning staff at the region will soon be duplication and they won't be needed according to Acton's

recently, Whiting observed regional government was supposed eliminate duplication and now that the region's Official Plan is in place, a planning director, three planners. planning technicians and secretarial staff aren't needed.

Deputy planner Bruce McLean agreed Whiting may be correct once the town has its Official Plan in place

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Whiting suggested later that planning staff have built an empire at the region and now all that is needed at the region is a lawyer or one planner to interpret the Official Plan.

All planning matters can now be handled at the local level, Whiting said, noting planners in the south know about as much about Halton Hills as he does about Oakville. He added he isn't the only councillor talking this way and predicted there will be changes in region planning department staffing in the future, though possibly not this year.

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