they had asked for it in the first place.

Referring to a remark apparently made by one councillor that he had "put his neck on the line" over the sewer issue, Coun. Gooding said: "There are some chickens up north and some chickens down south; some necks."

Coun. Mannell blamed "cosmic influences" for reactions to the Price-Waterhouse study "which defy logic". He said that deferring the decision on the sewer surcharge system "makes sense" and that scuttling the system at this point would be "the wrong thing to

Halton Hills Coun. Ed Wood said that the "credibility of the region is at stake", adding that the sewer surcharge system is the "proper system in the long

"Give the referral a chance to work out all the things that are at question," he urged.

Arguing that if the region voted to revert to the chargeback system, it would have to start "picking apart inequities in regional government that Halton Hills is paying for", Mayor Pete Pomeroy announced that a letter had been written from the town's solicitors to the regional solicitor Dennis Perlin stating the town's position if the region dumps the surcharge system. Mayor Pomeroy said that

Bill 151, which established Halton region in 1974 protects smaller regional members like Milton and Halton Hills from large capital costs incurred for sewage and water manage-

"If council reverts back (to the chargeback system), Halton Hills has no option but to fight," he said. "It's the responsibility of this council to implement an equalized sur-charge system. I didn't set the rules, but we have to go along with them."

Despite protests from around the table, and a demand from Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett for Mayor Pomeroy to present a legal writ saying that the Halton Hills was planning to take the region to court, the council chambers were cleared of reporters and spectators for a 15-minute closed-door session to discuss the possibility of legal action if the chargeback system was returned. Mr. Perlin described the letter from the town's lawyers as a "legal

opinion" and said that discussing it behind closed doors was "not an unfair request."

The legal coup failed to sway the Burlington bloc of votes. Burlington Mayor Roly Bird said he hoped councillors were not "intimidated" by the incamera session and suggested that the region should go to the province to have the chargeback system approved.

"I'm prepared to face the legal action contemplated by Halton Hills," he said.

In approving the Halton Hills resolution to defer a decision, Mayors Pomeroy, Barrett and Don Gordon of Milton were joined by Hallon Hills councillors Wood, Mike Armstrong, Roy Booth, Russ Miller, Oakville councillors, Carol Gooding, Terry Mannell. Bonnie Brown, and Milton councillors Gus Goutouski and

Bill Johnson. Burlington Allingham, Lacombe, Jim Grieve, Vern Connell, Ted

macDonald, Pat McLaughlin, attempt to defeat the resoluti-

on and pass the Allingham councillors Oakville councillors Laurie motion to revert to the sewer Mannell and Ron Planche chargeback system. Oakville joined Mayor Bird in an. Coun. Mac Anderson was

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