

# Halton delays comment on Acton landfill site

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Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller requested a hold be put on Halton Region's response to a proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry until the town gets legal advice.

The mayor's request follows Reclamation System Incorporated's (RSI) environmental assessment received by the Region. Local consortium RSI applied to the provincial government this year for approval for a landfill site at Sideroad 22 and Fourth Line.

The Region was to send a letter to the Ministry of the Environment May 31 voicing concerns about RSI's proposal.

But speaking to Regional councillors last week, Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER) spokesman John Minns said the Region did not oppose the Acton landfill site strongly enough in its letter to the Ministry.

But Mayor Miller was cautious about the Region's response. "I can get up and say anything, but sometimes it could be detrimental

to speak without a legal opinion."

"If our solicitor says yes, then we could be more forceful," he said.

The letter scheduled to be sent to Tim Sharp of the Ministry of the Environment's assessment branch, says there are "significant shortcomings" in RSI's testing. The Region said the consortium's assessment would not compare to the Region's own methods.

The letter goes on to say "the proposed leachate (contaminated water) system and confining wall designs are based on very limited

field experience. They may not perform according to expectations."

If Halton Region has to supply a lake-based system, if groundwater becomes contaminated at the Acton side, "it would have severe time and cost implications for Halton."

The Region also suggested in the ministry letter that costs to improve RR 43 (Sideroad 22) would go to RSI. It adds that a landfill site at Acton could "undermine" Halton's recycling efforts.

"We are recommending that the Ministry of the Environment... order RSI to conduct the research necessary to address our concerns."

But the letter was not sent to the ministry. The Region voted to defer sending the response to the

ministry. "When the mayor of a municipality asks for a deferral, I would suggest council give it to them," said Burlington Coun. Pat McLaughlin.

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## Halton banner flies over Guelph

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For the remainder of Canada's  
FitWeek (May 26-June 5) the blue  
and gold Halton Hills town flag

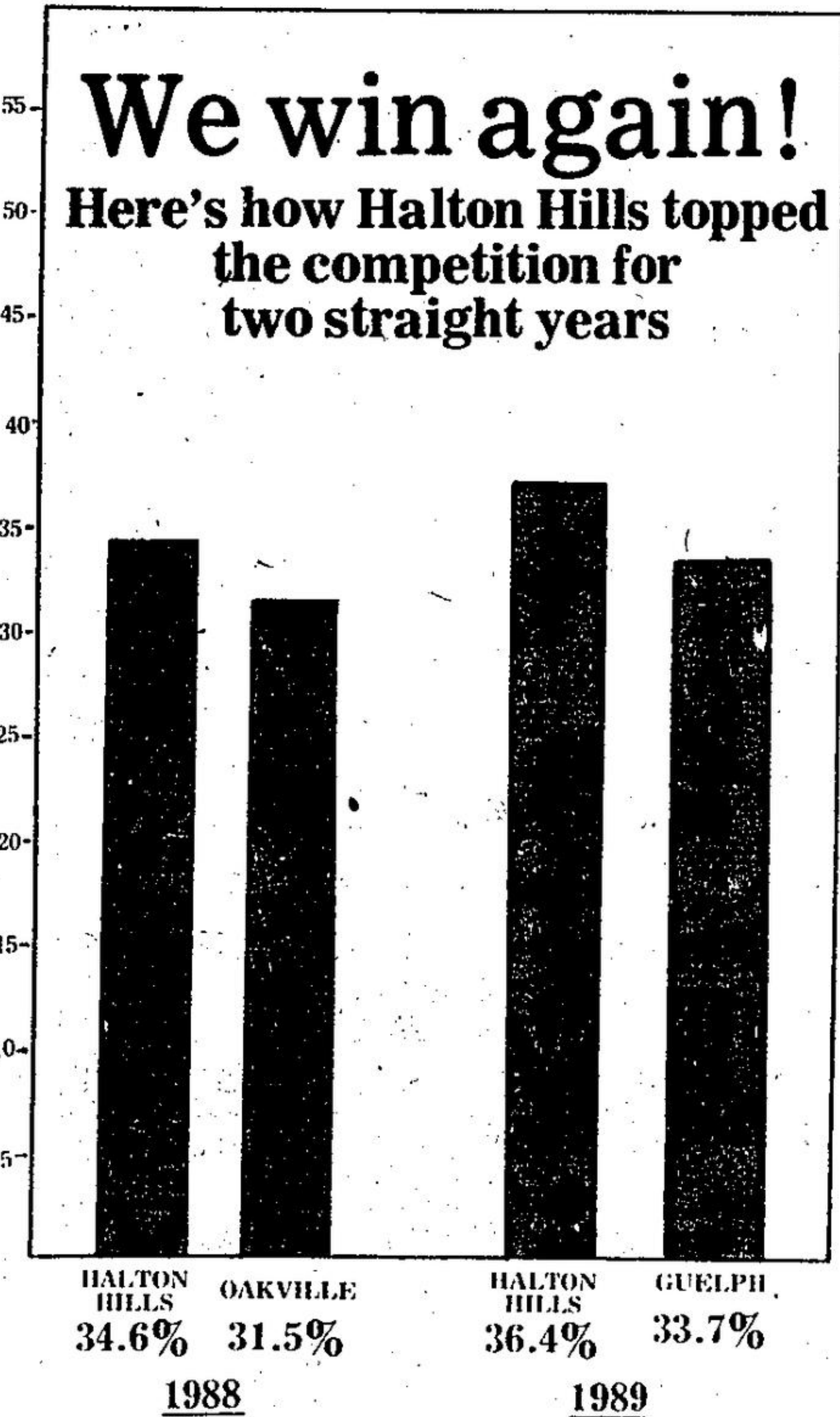
will fly over the skies of Guelph.  
That's as a result of the final  
standings of Wednesday's Great  
Canadian Participation

Challenge in which our commu-  
nity challenged Guelph to see who  
had the more fitness-minded  
community.

When the final tally was taken  
Wednesday night Halton Hills  
had won its second challenge in  
the past two years with 36.4 per  
cent of the town population exer-  
cising for at least 15 minutes as  
opposed to Guelph's final total of  
33.7 per cent.

"Our flag should be flying over  
Guelph right now," said an elated  
rec department special events  
supervisor Joanne Wilson on  
Thursday morning. As part of  
this year's challenge both  
mayors, Russ Miller of Halton  
Hills and John Counsell of  
Guelph, agreed to fly the winning  
community's flag for the rest of  
FitWeek.

A total of 12,446 of Halton Hills'  
population of 34,189 called in  
Wednesday to register their 15  
minutes of exercise while 29,331  
of Guelph's 87,000 accepted the  
challenge. Ms. Wilson was pleased  
that Halton Hills not only won  
its second consecutive challenge,  
but also that the town enjoyed  
almost a full two per cent rise in  
participation over last year.



Work That Body aerobic instructors Robynne Spence and Sandra Krosse led four 15-minute low impact aerobic classes outside Georgetown Market Place on Guelph Street during Participation Day, May 31. (Herald photo)

## Town warns of dust, noise in new subdivision

The Town of Halton Hills will include a "warning clause" for home buyers of Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. west of Mountainview Road.

A report last week from the town's administrative assistant Steve Thomson said there is a "unique aspect" to the building company's subdivision. The subdivision contains "developable blocks" which would mean more construction will take place after new home owners move into their

properties.

The warning clause will alert home buyers of the "potential for construction, dust, noise, and traffic for a protracted period of time," said Mr. Thomson's report.

The town entered into an agreement with Halton Hills Village Homes Inc. last December, covering four subdivision plans east of Mountainview Road. The developer sold lots located west of Mountainview Road to Fernbrook Homes.

Fernbrook then sold over 93 homes to buyers although Regional water restrictions disallowed more than 93 homes.

"The builder and developer then worked out a lot and block pattern to accommodate the 93 building lots on three plans of subdivision with blocks that will be built on in the future when there is adequate water to service them," said the town report.

Town councillors approved the subdivision agreement with Halton Hills Village Homes last week.

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