

Region Briefs

Industry must be more responsible

Industry should take more responsibility in funding municipal recycling programs, Halton Regional Planning and Public Works Committee members agreed Wednesday.

Committee members recommend Regional staff request the Ontario Ministry of Environment introduce legislation requiring manufacturers and waste generators to increase their financial support for the Blue Box Program by buying back a greater amount of recycled material.

According to a staff report, of the material collected through Halton's Blue Box program only aluminum cans and plastic soft drink containers generate enough revenue to offset the cost of collecting the material.

Other materials collected through the Blue Box program include newspaper, cardboard, steel and glass.

Recycling programs such as the Blue Box program are expensive because they are labor intensive. As the programs expand and become more labor intensive, they become more expensive to operate, indicates the report.

Regional Chief Administrator Officer, John Fleming, told committee members the issue of who is responsible for recycled material - the packaging manufacturer or the packaging user - will soon become a major legal question for all involved.

More money sunk into well

Regional Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday Regional staff be permitted to spend an additional \$51,253 to carry out further tests on a possible water source for Georgetown.

Halton has already spent \$124,000 monitoring Test Well 15 located in Silver Creek Valley in Georgetown. If committee's recommendation is approved at Regional Council this coming Wednesday, the total amount spent on Test Well 15 will climb to \$175,253.

If Test Well 15 proves adequate and environmentally safe, then it will be used as a water source for the expansion of Georgetown West.

Committee member and Halton Hills Regional Councillor Joe Hewitt wanted to know if Test Well 15 could eliminate the need for the possible establishment of a well in Huttonville to service Georgetown West.

Regional Engineer Rick Robertshaw said, if Test Well 15 can be operated at capacity, there is a possibility of there being no need for the Huttonville well.

Acton well funds dry up

Halton Region Planning and Public Works learned Wednesday \$196,400 is needed to determine

the capacity of Prospect Well in Acton.

The initial estimate was \$134,000 to do the work. According to a Regional staff report, the additional \$62,400 is required to complete necessary hydrogeological field work including laboratory sampling.

Committee's recommendation will go before Halton Council this Wednesday for final approval.

Parking needs upgrading

Halton Region Planning and Public Works Committee recom-

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mended Wednesday, Weston, Ontario based Decstar Contracting Limited be awarded the contract to upgrade the bridge between James Snow Parkway and Fifth Line South in Halton Hills.

Decstar's bid of \$135,223 to carry out the work was the lowest of the five companies bidding on the contract.

Committee's recommendation will go before Regional Council this Wednesday for final approval.

Speed limit designation

Halton Region Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday Winston Churchill Boulevard between Highway 401 and Steeles Avenue

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be designated with a 60-kilometre-per-hour speed limit. The recommendation will go before Regional Council this Wednesday for final approval.

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