



Region officials say a new digester will significantly reduce odours emanating from the sewage treatment plant on Resource Road. Photo by Ted Brown

# Sewage treatment plant upgrades to cost \$10.8M

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and did some misting that included a covering fragrance that "helped a little."

But Andrews said the long-term fix will be the new digester.

"The new digester will address the bulk of the odours," said Andrews.

The new digester will increase the capacity of the solids handling and digestion process to match the capacity of the facility.

"This project will improve the existing biosolids loading system and reduce the on-site storage requirements. Both of these outcomes are anticipated to reduce the odours at the plant and surrounding area," said Andrews in a recent report to Halton Region's Planning and Public Works Committee.

As well as the new digester, the Region will also be rehabilitating the old digester and making gas room modifications at the plant.

Total cost of the project is expected

to be \$10.8 million.

The contract is expected to be awarded by this spring, with the new digester to be up and running by late next year.

## Town backs exemption

Halton Hills council has endorsed a Kingston resolution requesting the Province exempt electricity bills from the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sale Tax (HST).

When the HST (a blend of PST and GST) comes into effect July 1, electricity bills would go up by 8 per cent, says Ward 4 Bob Inglis, who proposed the endorsement.

"Eight per cent is a huge disadvantage for middle and low income families," Inglis said. "The motion here is not asking the Province to abolish this tax—it's strictly asking to make an exemption in the case of electricity rates."

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# ATHLETES of the week

Acton High School		Christ the King		G.D.H.S	
David Buckland	Kendzy Lakin	David Jones	Kaileigh Halverson	Drake Livingston	Tessa Jones

**Acton High School** Athletes of the Week are David Buckland and Kendzy Lakin. Buckland, a post on the senior Bearcats senior basketball team was chosen for his 15 points, scored at a White Oaks tournament. Lakin, a member of the Bearcats swim team was selected for her second place finish in her heat in the 50 m breast stroke at GHAC.

**Georgetown District High School** Athletes of the Week are Drake Livingston and Tessa Jones, who are both members of the Rebels swim team who competed at GHAC. Livingston qualified in the 100 m back stroke and the 200 m free, and Jones qualified in the 100 m back and the 4x200 freestyle medley relay.

**Christ the King Catholic High School** Athletes of the Week are Kaileigh Halverson and David Jones. Halverson, skip of the Jaguars girls curling team, was chosen for finishing first in the league and will play at the Haltons in Oakville. Jones, a vice-skip with the Jags boys team, was selected for helping take the team to the semis.

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