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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Biosolids Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Study

Halton Region has initiated a comprehensive Master Plan for the management of biosolids generated at the Region's seven wastewater treatment plants. Biosolids are a nutrient-rich, organic by-product of the wastewater treatment process, which is currently provided to the Halton agricultural community for beneficial use in crop production. In 1999, a Biosolids Management Strategy was undertaken which recommended program diversification and flexibility to enhance the biosolids program. Since that time there have been changes in the regulation of biosolids management, as well as new developments in biosolids management methods. It is therefore an appropriate time for Halton Region to undertake a Master Planning Process to ensure the long term sustainability of its Biosolids Management Program.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate biosolids management alternatives and methods, and to recommend a strategy that ensures the program's long term sustainability to the year 2031.

The Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for Master Plans under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000 as amended in 2007 and 2011). The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation.

As such, two drop-in format Public Information Centres (PICs) have been planned to obtain input on the work completed to date, including the results of the evaluation of biosolids management alternatives and methods, and the identification of a Preferred Biosolids Management Strategy for Halton Region. The PICs are scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Halton Regional Centre
Glenorchy/Dakota Room
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, Ontario

Thursday, March 29, 2012

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Mold-Masters SportsPlex
Gordon Alcott Heritage Hall
221 Guelph Street
Georgetown, Ontario

Directions for each meeting location are posted on the website at www.halton.ca/biosolids.

Representatives from Halton Region and its consulting team will be present at the PICs to answer questions and discuss the findings and next steps for the study.

You are encouraged to attend one of the PICs and provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. Comments received will be considered in finalizing the evaluation of the biosolids management alternatives and methods, and in confirming the Preferred Biosolids Management Strategy for Halton Region. Comments and information regarding this project are also being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Class EA process. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Information updates on the Biosolids Master Plan are also posted on Halton Region's web site at: www.halton.ca/biosolids.

Please contact either of the following project team members if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on the study, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive future notifications for the study:

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YOUNG BUILDERS: Acton Library received many great creations for its annual Lego Building Contest during March Break. The deadline for entries is today (Thursday), and the voting will take place between March 18 and 23. - Traci Gardner photo



Comrades,

Remember on Sunday we are having our Branch initiation, plus honours and awards from 1 to 3 p.m. You are invited to come to the Branch to welcome the new members. Spring is just around the corner with the temperature climbing to the mid-teens. It will soon be time to put up the picnic tables and chairs around the patio. We will also be cleaning up the grounds getting ready for planting. Just think, soon all of the horseshoe players will be out getting ready for a new season of shoes. Friday evening is our St. Patrick's dance, and everyone is welcome, with *Ronnie and the Corvairs*.

Don't forget to wear your green, on March 24. There will be a finance seminar at Burlington Branch 60 with Chuck Johnston, the Ontario Command Provincial Advisory Chairman. Registration is 8:30 a.m., with the seminar starting at 9 a.m.

On behalf of the Branch we would like to send a speedy recovery to Bev Mattocks. We are glad that Bev is at home recovering. Our prayers go out to you Bev.

Ladies Auxiliary Notes

The March meeting was held with 29 members present. The door prize was won by one of our new members, Erica Hunter. We held initiation for a new member Anne Horne. Welcome Anne.

District Cribbage was held in Cooksville this past Saturday, with Norma Titus, Betty Green, Phyllis Bunn and Sherri Thompson attending. A big thank you to Annamarie, Martha, Kim and Ruth for the lovely meal they prepared for the Hockey Heritage Dinner, with 340 people sitting down to eat. Also thank you to Dolores and all the ladies who helped with the following setting up tables, serving, dishes and helped in general. All of you did an excellent job

and the evening was a success. Well done! Branch 197 Cadets – a huge thank you to you all for helping the LA serve the meal, you did an awesome job as well. Remember at the next meeting Helen will have Convention Tickets for sale they are \$10 a book and you can take a book and sell them but you must pay the \$10 at the meeting before you take a book. The Zone Convention is Sunday, April 15 in Port Credit. Please try to attend. You do not have to have a uniform. We will leave at 10:45 a.m. from the Legion. Sign up with Helen at the next meeting. To all our members who are not feeling well, or having health issues, we are thinking of you and hope that you soon will be on to recovery or at least feeling a little better, we miss you at our meetings. Please mark your calendars as we had to change the April general meeting to Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Yours in Comradeship
Peggy Harris
President Branch 197
Ladies Auxiliary

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