

# Putting garbage under one umbrella gets mixed review

Halton Region is planning to control waste management beginning as early as 1993.

Halton Hills is now responsible for garbage collection, while the region is responsible for disposal. But waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs are being carried out at both the regional and local levels, causing some confusion and duplication. While the Blue Box program in Halton Hills and other area municipalities is firmly established, the Province wants municipalities to put more emphasis on collection of household hazardous waste (HHW) as well as organic materials for municipal composting.

The public works directors for the four municipalities and for Halton Region have already been meeting to discuss this issue for sometime.

A report, called Disentanglement of Waste Management in Halton, was presented to Halton

Hills council recently and it received mixed reviews from Acton councillor Norm Elliott.

"It's another erosion of what local area municipalities do," Elliott said. "I think we're getting more entangled, rather than disentangled."

Public Works director Bob Austin said the Region will draw up a draft implementation plan, and then look at the problems of integrating waste management at both levels.

But he pointed out that the resolution passed, already passed by regional council would still mean the single tier waste authority "would be a long way from being done and working".

Austin's explanation satisfied Elliott, who agreed to accept the proposal for an implementation plan. Staff will report back to council in the fall on the progress of the new plan, which could come into effect next year.

## RCMP detachment at Milton in '93

MP Garth Turner announced recently that the construction of a building for the new Milton detachment of the RCMP will begin by the end of this summer.

A local Milton developer, the Dufam Development Group, will build a 3,937 square meter building, which will be leased by the RCMP. The new detachment will be located in the Highpoint Mall area on the northwest corner of Highpoint and Parkhill Drive. "The construction of this building and the new RCMP detachment will provide a significant boost to the local economy," said Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek. "This move makes good economic sense for everyone."

The new building which will house 257 staff, should be ready for occupancy by August 1, 1993. "I'm excited by the prospect of 257 federal employees moving to Milton because this will mean a lot of new money injected into the local economy. From gas in police cars to retail shopping, the Milton area will benefit tremendously from the RCMP's relocation to the town," added Turner.

The creation of the detachment follows a government decision, to reorganize RCMP operations, moving the provincial headquarters to London, and forming new detachments at Bowmanville, Newmarket and Milton. This will help reduce federal policing costs, while also easing housing and commuting expenses for RCMP personnel and public servants employed by the national force. The RCMP perform several federal policing functions ranging from drug enforcement to unemployment insurance fraud investigations.



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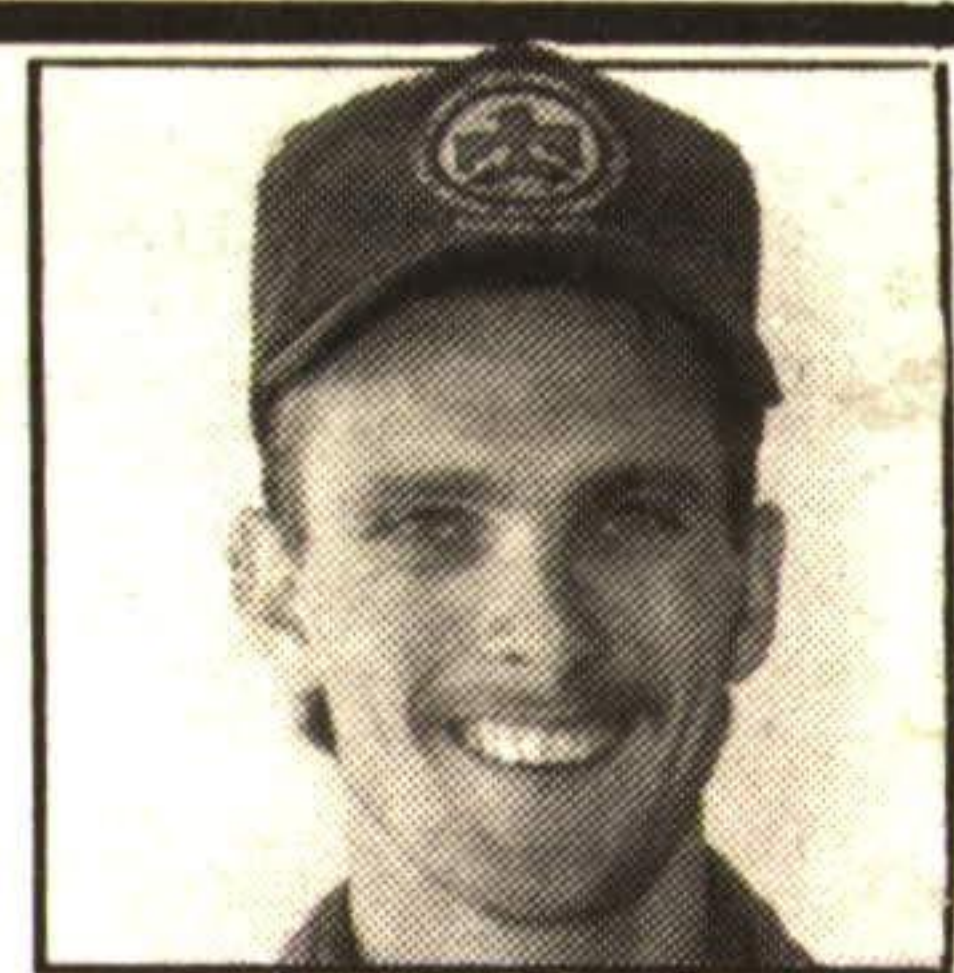
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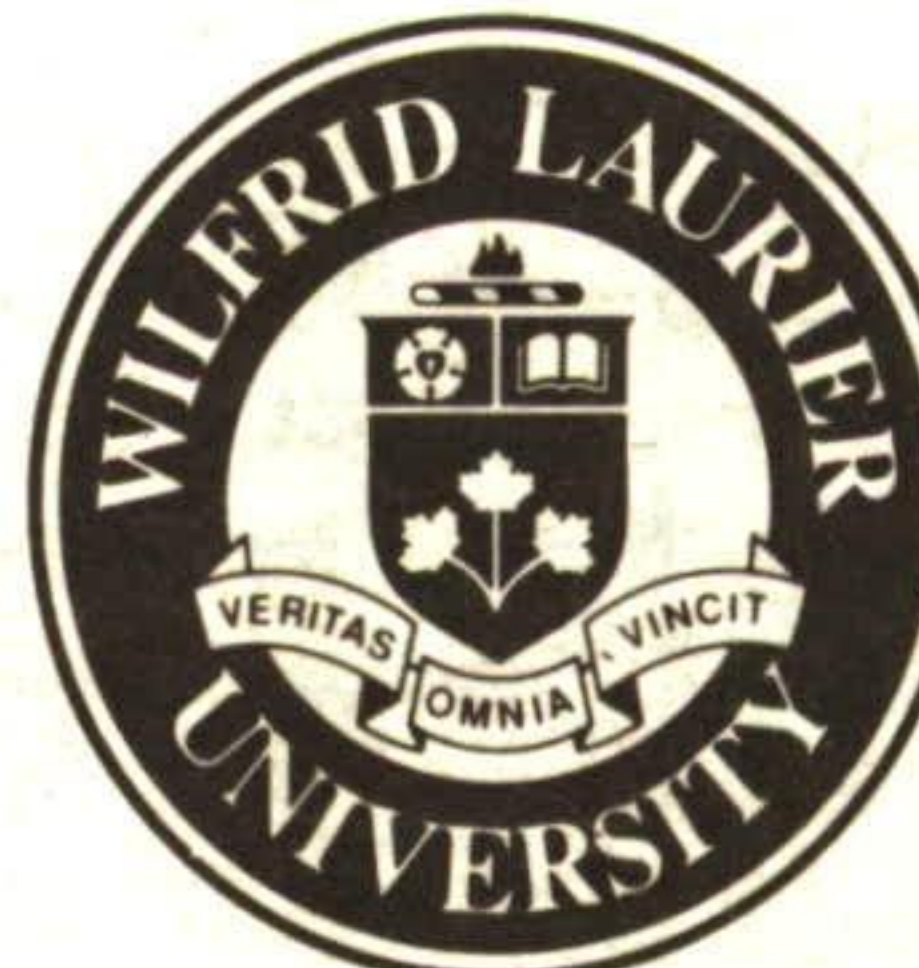
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