

# Halton places mega-compost centre plan on backburner

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Plans for a central composting facility in Halton Region have been placed on the backburner — for now — regional chairman Peter Pomeroy told the planning and pub-

lic works committee Wednesday.

Pomeroy said the region's composting subcommittee had decided against awarding the contract for the facility to Miller Waste Systems of Markham — the only company which bid on the project.

The decision was made after a meeting between officials from Halton and Peel Region, which had been approached to share in the evaluation costs of the proposal.

"What we're suggesting is that we form an alliance with Peel. They're going to be a major partner in this. We need a site to accommodate both municipalities. Peel is interested in taking a leadership and active role in this," he said.

A composting workshop for both Halton and Peel officials planned for this fall will be a springboard for the process, with new recommendations going to regional council sometime next year, Pomeroy said.

The chairman said a Halton-only composting facility is no longer a viable idea because of plummeting tipping fees at landfills in regions bordering Halton.

The composting centre cost had been tentatively pegged at between \$12 million and \$20 million.

With the drop in tipping fees — charges levied for the disposal of garbage at landfill sites — it's like-

ly materials which could be composted will end up in landfills. Tipping fees have been slashed by Metro Toronto to compete with cut-rate prices in the United States, and other regions have followed suit. Halton has refused to drop its fees.

Another possible reason for the change of heart — although not alluded to by Pomeroy — is a private sector initiative by Equity Environmental Services Corp., a Woodbridge company, to set up a \$10-million compost facility on a parcel of a land located near Hwy 401, west of Sixth Line.

Pomeroy said the subcommittee was somewhat surprised the region had received only one private-sector submission after a proposal call for the composting facility last spring.

A parcel of land at the region's landfill site had been designated for the project.

"We assumed there would be a number of bidders. But that didn't happen."

Miller Waste has already been informed of the negative response, Pomeroy said.

"They understood why we were doing it. They weren't pleased about it. The tender indicated the contract wouldn't be awarded if something happened and we couldn't go through with it."

## Imposter pays mall a visit

The owner of Fabricland in the Indoor Mall, Fatima Hussain, had a bizarre visit Thursday morning by a man posing as the town's director of planning, Ian Keith.

Hussain said the man handed her Keith's business card, introduced himself as Keith, and then said he was there on behalf of Mutual Investments, which opened the shopping centre.

Hussain described the man as black, poorly groomed, about 5'8", trim, in his 30s.



IAN KEITH

Hussain said she contacted the owner of the building and he had no idea who the man was, or what he was talking about.

Keith visited Fabricland later that afternoon.

"This is first time something like this has happened," said Keith. "My business cards were on the front counter at the planning department, but they aren't now."

## Cobblehill to get facelift

R.E. Clipsham Limited of Georgetown has been retained to provide engineering services for the design of the Cobblehill Road Reconstruction Project following approval by Halton Hills town council Tuesday evening.

Included in the approved 1993 Capital Budget is the engineering design for the reconstruction of Cobblehill Road in Acton from Cook Street to Main Street. A total of six engineering firms submitted proposals for the project.

"After careful review of the submitted proposals, staff feel that the firm of R.E. Clipsham Limited would best serve the needs of the town," said P.D. Linn, manager of Engineering Services.

Cobblehill Road is to be upgraded to a standard urban section including storm sewers, curb and gutter, asphalt and sodded boulevards. The estimated cost of construction is \$545,000.

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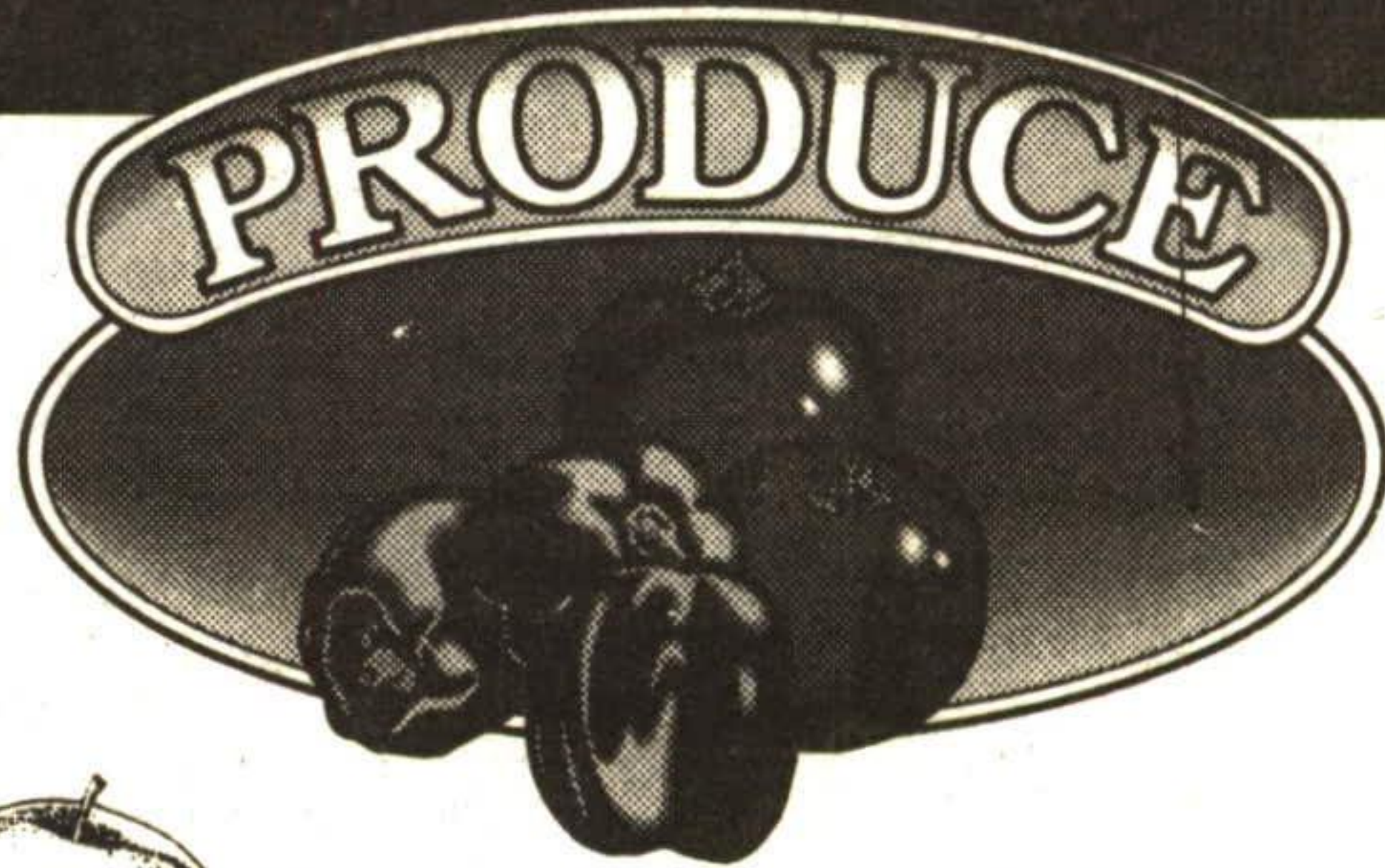
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