

IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE

The Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act gave approval to Halton Region in 1989 for a new landfill site. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act was included and a number of conditions were set.

Condition 1 of the approval is as follows:

"For more than a decade the Regional Municipality of Halton searched for a new landfill site to receive the waste of its citizens. A great deal of money was spent in the search, and residents of two communities felt threatened by the impending decision. In 1987 and 1988 a Hearing was held by the Consolidated Hearing Board established by the Environmental Assessment Board and the Ontario Municipal Board. This Board heard that although the Regional Corporation was responsible for

disposing of waste it was not alone responsible for waste reduction, reuse and recycling measures. This Board also heard that the waste recycling objectives in the Region were modest, being less than 20%.

The Board orders, therefore, as its first condition of approval for a new landfill site in the Regional Municipality of Halton, that the Regional Corporation enter into agreements with the Municipalities of the Region to establish a Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee having as its goal the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste so that there will be very little waste remaining to be landfilled. Through public meetings held at least twice a year the Committee should attempt to reach the goal through measures including but not limited to:

- a) paper recycling and denial of landfilling paper products
- b) promotion of individual, private and public composting facilities
- c) provision of glass and metal recycling facilities for residential, apartment and commercial establishment waste, including provision of reception areas for packaging materials at point-of-sale of such materials

- d) development of measures to encourage retail outlet to reduce to the maximum extent possible "disposable" items and packaging materials, including fast food packaging materials
- e) provision of reception areas for household hazardous wastes: and,
- f) consideration and development of mandatory recycling programs which include rewards and penalties for compliance and non-compliance.

Once each year the Regional Municipality shall report on the participation of area Municipalities and the extent of cooperation and progress on the work of this Committee in full-page advertisements in the newspapers having general circulation

in each of the Region's constituent Municipalities, under the headline "IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE", and is to include this condition in full at the beginning of such advertisement."

JOINT MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee was established in 1991 to satisfy the above Condition. It was intended as a co-operative effort between the Region and Area Municipalities to promote the 3R's and as a result to minimize Halton's long term disposal requirements.

To date this Committee has published two reports. Status Report #1 titled "Beyond the Blue Box - Halton

as a Conserver Society" explains the Committee's vision, principles and philosophy.

Status Report #2 includes "Halton's Waste Diversion Action Plan."

The Joint Committee meetings are open to the public. Public input and participation in the development of programs is encouraged.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR, TO DIVERT WASTE FROM THE LANDFILL?

- Blue Box Material collection from 80,000 single family dwellings and 18,000 apartment units.
- Expanded blue box materials collection: Boxboard, aluminum foil, fine paper, HDPE bottles and polystyrene containers.
- Igloo Programs for collection of recyclables from rural areas and high traffic areas (GO-Stations, etc.)
- Yard waste collection at landfill Container Station for composting.
- Blue Box Materials, Drywall and Scrap Metal can be easily recycled and are therefore banned at the Landfill.
- Cardboard collection by Area Municipalities from their commercial districts.
- Brush/Leaf/Christmas Tree collection by Area Municipalities and distribution of 22,000 home composters.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Halton has two Household Hazardous Waste depots for the collection of Household Hazardous wastes. In 1992, 9,600 vehicles dropped off 188,000 litres of household hazardous materials at these depots.

MATERIALS RECOVERED THROUGH HALTON'S 1992 DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Material	Tonnes
Paper	15,974
Tin/Aluminum/PET	2,228
Glass	4,950
Cardboard	2,716
Scrap Metal	1,425
Green Waste	2,268
Drywall	356
TOTAL	29,917

Total residential waste received in 1992: 88,816 Tonnes. The success rate of Halton's residential diversion program is 25%

A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environment Assessment Act is available for review.

To obtain a copy of this report or if you have any comments or suggestions, please write to:

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