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## A DECADE OF DECEPTION COST HALTON REGION MILLIONS

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A confidential report obtained by The Hamilton Spectator shows Halton Region spent tens of millions of dollars over more than a decade on bogus payments, faked invoices and unnecessary equipment through a scheme orchestrated by a former employee who has since been found guilty of fraud-related charges.

The 50-page report, sent anonymously to The Spectator, was prepared by an external forensic accounting firm in October 2018 on behalf of the region to investigate the actions of David Ohashi, a former high-ranking manager in Halton's water and wastewater division.

The report, which was provided to Halton's director of legal services, highlights a long list of instances where Ohashi allegedly

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Melanie Hennessey/Torstar  
Ethel Gardiner Public School grade 7 student Spencer Lipa presents a scroll petition to Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott with nearly 300 signatures calling for the Province to develop a climate action plan. See page 26.

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