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Overnight parking ban approved

By Dianne Cornish
Halton Hills will follow the example of two other municipalities in the Region by imposing an overnight parking ban on town streets during winter months, beginning November 15.

The parking prohibition will run until April 15, every night of the week between 2 a.m. to 7 a.m. Owners of vehicles tagged for the infraction will pay a \$20 fine.

The ban was approved at a committee meeting of town council last Monday. It will be similar to those already in place in Oakville and Milton. Burlington is the only city in Halton Region without an overnight parking prohibition. All four Halton municipalities have three-hour maximum parking limits on their streets.

According to a report presented to council by town engineering staff this past spring, overnight parking bans have been implemented in a considerable number of surrounding municipalities. The results of a survey involving 15 municipalities in south central Ontario showed that 10 out of the 15 have some sort of overnight parking restriction. In fact, some communities, like Brampton and Guelph, impose the ban on a year-round basis, not simply during winter months.

The engineering report, prepared by Halton Hills engineer Bob Austin and the town's manager of operations Ted Drewlo, said a win-

tertime restriction would be particularly beneficial to public works staff who find vehicles obstructing their way during snow removal. It also suggested that taxpayers' money could be saved if the ban was approved because, in the past, snow removal has been delayed while town employees knock on doors in an effort to find the owner of obstructing vehicles so they can be moved. Work crews often have to return to the same area at another time, with the result of increased costs. "Also a good portion of this type of work is done at overtime rates and the extra time and efforts caused by on-street overnight parking congestion adversely affects the financial burden of taxpayers," the report said.

The new regulation will affect all town streets "unless otherwise posted," Bob Butrym, the town's senior traffic analyst, said during an interview Thursday. For example, a section of Kingham Road in Acton will be exempt from the ban because of a need for on-street parking in the area. Parking is permitted on that section of road for a maximum period of 12 hours at a time during any day or month.

Butrym said town residents will be informed of the change in newspaper advertisements and by adding information about the ban to signs posted in 25 locations throughout Halton Hills, including Town and urban area entrances.

Private proposal for compost facility

By Dianne Cornish

A private company's proposal to build a compost and research facility across the road from Halton's waste management site, near Milton, caused a bit of a stir at Wednesday's regional council meeting in Oakville. Council was on the brink of calling for proposals from private firms from across North America to build and operate a composting facility on the landfill site.

On Monday, a lawyer representing Equity Environmental Services Corporation of Woodbridge told regional councillors that his client plans to build a privately-funded, \$10-million compost facility that will handle close to 50,000 tonnes of compost yearly. Ronald Webb said the project, which will also include a research facility being run in conjunction with the University of Guelph, will hopefully handle Halton's compost as well as compost from the ICI (Institutional, Commercial and Industrial) sector.

He asked that the Region delay its call for proposal bids for the landfill-based project until Equity has an opportunity to outline its proposal to councillors.

It was clear that many councillors were surprised to hear that a private company had plans for a compost facility adjacent to the landfill site. While Burlington mayor Walter Mulkewich welcomed the news, regional chairman Peter Pomeroy wasn't enthusiastic about the proposal.

Stating his concerns about offensive odors that could come from a compost facility, he asked Webb to explain why Equity, "knowing that we have a significant investment in the area (the Region's \$85-million landfill site) and that odor is a concern, (would) buy land directly upwind from (the landfill)." Agreeing that odor treatment is a key consideration of the proposal, Webb told Pomeroy that the 48-acre site was chosen for a number of reasons, including its proximity

to its proposed service area and its accessibility.

Mulkewich asked if Equity would still go ahead with its facility if the landfill-based compost unit was built. Webb said his client plans to build the compost and research facility, regardless of what happens with the other proposal. If the Region's compost should go to another facility, Webb said Equity will apply to expand its certificate of approval so that it includes Metro Toronto. Right now, the application covers a radius of 50 kilometres from the proposed site of the Equity development.

Webb also told the Burlington mayor that the Equity proposal doesn't require a commitment from the Region to cover capital costs. Tipping fees would be charged to all users of the facility.

Asked by Halton Hills councillor Marilyn Serjeantson if the property adjacent to the landfill has been purchased by Equity, Webb replied

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Thanksgiving weekend fatality
Winnipeg woman dies
in Campbellville crash

A 30-year-old Winnipeg woman is dead following a two-vehicle collision in Campbellville Friday evening.

At 9:30 p.m. Friday a Buick LeSabre was driving westbound on Five Sideroad. As the vehicle turned south onto First Line it was struck on the right side by an eastbound Pontiac, police said.

The female passenger in the backseat of the Buick, Maria Stanson, received fatal injuries.

Her husband received major injuries, while their two children, a three-year old boy and three month old girl, received minor injuries.

The driver of the vehicle, John Gearin, (brother-in-law of the deceased) was uninjured. His wife, Irene, received minor injuries.

The driver of the Pontiac, the sole occupant, escaped without major injury.

The accident is under investigation by Halton Regional Police.

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