

## Composter plan shifts directions

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Halton Region will be looking for new directions for its composting project after hitting a road block, regional chairman Peter Pomeroy said.

"We're trying to rethink this," Pomeroy said. "We want to know why we didn't have an opportunity to look at other technological studies to use in comparison."

Halton's call for proposals to build an indoor composting facility brought in only one proposal, from Miller Waste Systems.

The fact that only one proposal was received has caused some Halton councillors to question the proposal call procedure.

Doubts about whether to spend taxpayers' money on a composter were also raised after announcements by two

separate companies of plans to build private facilities in Halton for processing organic waste. However, region officials say a composter is still needed to handle residential organic waste. However, region officials say a composter is still needed to handle residential organic waste.

Pomeroy said Halton's sub-committee on the proposed regional composter now must decide to where to go from here. That decision likely will be made in cooperation with Peel region, which is emerging as a full partner in the project.

Pomeroy said two things have resulted from work on the project to date. It has become evident that it would not be financially viable for Halton to go ahead on its own to build a composting facility. And a lot of excite-

ment has been generated by the way the two regions are working together on the project.

"Peel has done a lot of work on the collection side," Pomeroy said. "We have got to start accessing the experience of other communities. We've got to start sharing and stop thinking of (regional) borders as impediments."

Meanwhile, Miller is still awaiting word on its proposal.

Tom Hennessey, manager of business development for Miller Waste Systems, said yesterday his company continues to talk to both Halton and Peel.

"Certainly, it seems to be progressing. It's not dead by any means," Hennessey said.

In another development, the Ontario government has approved nearly \$50,000 in additional funds to help pay a consultant working on the proposed regional composter. The grant is on top of \$40,000 already given by the province to help fund the work.

### Brochure this weekend

The Recreation and Parks Department had hoped to distribute the Fall and Winter Brochure last weekend (Aug. 21), but due to unforeseen technical problems at the bindery, the brochure will not likely be distributed before this weekend.


Please note the deadline date to receive registrations for lottery processing of fall programs is still Sept. 3 at noon.

The late distribution will allow only one week only one week for registrations to come in.

The brochure will be available for pick-up after this date at the following locations in surrounding communities: Post Offices in Huttonville, Cheltenham, Terra Cotta and Ballihafad; EWAG Centre in Erin; General Stores in Ospringe, Speyside, Hornby and Norval; the Royal Bank in Rockwood and IGA in Hillsburgh. Copies will also be made available at local arenas, pools, libraries, Acton Hydro Office and other municipal facilities.

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