# Town tackles region

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Throughout the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing dealing with Acton development, the Town of Halton Hills has shared the views of Halton Region. However, at Monday's town council meeting, Halton Hills' stand varied from that of the region on the issue of pollution controls in Acton.

The region had proposed that criteria for a new

## Household waste depot okayed

A \$1.6 million depot to handle Halton's household hazardous waste has been given final approval by regional council.

The depot, to be located on the same site as the regional landfill on Highway 25, just north of Oakville, will be open to the public six days a week to accept household hazardous waste such as batteries, paints and cleaning solvents.

The contract to build the hazardous waste facility to Laidlaw Environmental Services Inc., which has just completed a similar facility in Samia.

The project is being funded by a transfer from the region's landfill reserve fund.

Halton Hills and regional councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, who chairs the planning and public works committee which recommended the depot, said service will be better in the end and will cost less.

Halton already spends \$595,000 a year on hazardous waste depots which are open three days a week in Milton and one day a month in Burlington.

The operating cost for the new facility, designed to serve all of Halton's municipalities, is estimated at \$300,000 a year.

Oakville mayor Ann Mulvale suggested to council that municipalities should be using discarded paint, which can be recycled and given a neutral color, in public buildings.



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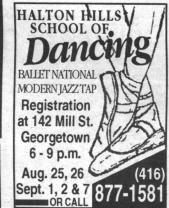
Certificate of Approval for the Acton Water Pollution Control plant be the same as the criteria being used in the existing certificate. Town council decided against supporting the region's proposal. Council also didn't see the necessity of the region investigating overall Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) standards for other communities and streams in reference to Acton.

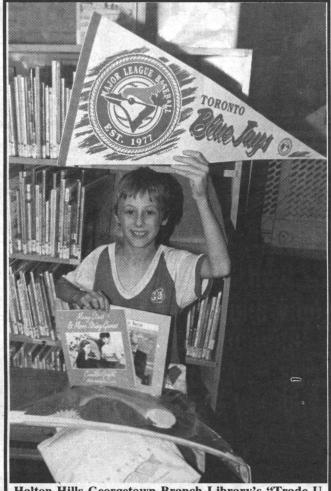
The town recommended the OMB finish dealing with residential development and development phasing in this session, and deal with commercial development "as soon as future hearing time becomes available."

Council also proposed the OMB temporarily disregard town staff's previous recommendation on the following applications: Coscan, Rinarin, BondArch, Acto II, and Dawkins draft plans of subdivision and rezonings, as well as Coscan and Freure commercial rezoning and site plans.

Council suggested decisions be postponed until a permit to take water is actually granted by the Ministry of Energy and the Environment and the region conducts both a process audit study on the water pollution control plant and a fish habitat study on Black Creek and reports its findings to regional council.

During this time, mayor Russ Miller will be in contact with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, requesting that Town of Halton Hills and its officials be exempt from prosecution regarding a potential increase in stormwater effluent. Miller will be circulating a written resolution to members of the provincial and federal governments, U the region and appropriate government agencies.





Halton Hills Georgetown Branch Library's "Trade U to the Book Leagues" Summer Reading Program has come to end. Many young readers were active turning the pages during the summer break, especially 11-yearold Terry Dubreuil who reported reading 55 books. **Congratulations Terry!!** 

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