

Central regional composting plant put on back burner

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Plans to build a central composting facility in Halton have been derailed by the regional committee working on the project.

The committee has decided to send the only proposal it received to build the facility back to Miller Waste Systems, which submitted its proposal last spring. The company, a division of Miller Paving, has been waiting all summer for a response from the region.

The committee will consider whether to put the project back on track after a workshop this fall on composting.

Those decisions were made after Halton chief administrative officer John Burke told the committee that the process "really has to come to an end. It doesn't make a great deal of sense to continue on down that road... This has really been a false start on this project."

Burke gave that advice to the subcommittee on a cen-

tral composting facility after he and regional chairman Peter Pomeroy met with their counterparts in Peel region.

Peel had kicked in \$10,000 towards the cost of studying a central composting facility. Burke said this had been viewed incorrectly in Halton as a commitment to a joint composter.

"They have no intentions of committing themselves financially to any aspect of this project at this point in time," Burke told the subcommittee. "When they had originally paid their \$10,000 fee to us, it was to get a seat at the table to find out if what we were doing was of any value to

them. They are not ready to commit themselves to a long-term composting strategy as part of their waste management plan."

Burke said Peel officials also questioned whether it would be wise to proceed during such tough economic times. Peel's participation became important after it became clear that it wouldn't make economic sense for Halton to build a composting facility on its own.

At a fall composting workshop, to which Halton and Peel councillors will be invited, the committee hopes to hear from regional staff, people in the industry and the Ontario Ministry of

the Environment, and to study any composting facilities that are up and running.

Tom Hennessey, manager of business development for Miller Waste Systems and company spokesman on the proposal, is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Two other companies are already working on plans to build indoor facilities in

Halton to process organic waste. One company is building an indoor composting facility in Halton Hills, just north of Highway 401.

The second company is setting up a plant in Burlington that will use biotechnology to turn organic waste from restaurants, food processing plants and institutions into animal feed.

Immunization clinics

Halton Regional Health Department offers community immunization clinics monthly in Oakville and Burlington and bi-monthly in Georgetown and Milton. Vaccines available through these clinics include mumps, measles, German measles, diphtheria, polio, whooping cough, tetanus and haemophilus B. Mantoux testing for tuberculosis screening is also available. This service is free to residents of Halton. Clinics in all locations are held from 3:30-6 p.m.

Oakville clinics are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Health Department office at 123 Maurice Drive. Call 625-6060, ext. 7855 to make an

appointment.

Burlington clinics are held the first Wednesday of every month at the Health Department office at 460 Brant Street. Call 639-5141 for appointments.

Future clinics in Milton will be held at the Health Department office at 251 Main Street E. on Tuesdays, August 10, October 12, December 14 and February 8. For appointments, call 878-7261.

Upcoming clinics in Georgetown will be held at the Health Department office in Georgetown at 93 Main Street S. on Tuesdays, September 14, November 9, January 11 and March 8. Call 877-7261 for appointments.



Rose Laroque graduated from the Teen Education and Motherhood program (TEAM), and received an "Adult and Continuing Education Certificate". In the photo, Rose is seen with her 2-year-old daughter Amber and 10-month-old son Brian. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Opportunities!

By Andrew Mackenzie, B.B.A.

If you follow the stock market at all, you will know that it has been going up steadily since late in '92. What does this mean? Well, it means that if you got into equities a year ago, you have made a good return. The important question is, what does it mean for the future. This is a tough question. Many people compare the current market situation to that of August 1987. If this is true, a market correction is possible. On the other hand, there are a different set of factors affecting the markets in '93. The question of what to do with your money is the real problem.

The windows of financial opportunity are difficult to deal with these days. GICs are paying about 4.5% and the market is high right now, so where should you put your money? Opportunities need to be found that can take advantage of emerging financial conditions. In my opinion, now is a time to take a conservative stance in your financial decisions. The investment vehicles that will allow you to take advantage of emerging opportunities, while providing a comfortable return are money market funds, bond and mortgage funds and

strong dividend funds. These offer liquidity, good returns and stability. If there is no market correction, your money is earning stable returns and if there is a market correction, your money will be sheltered and you will be in a good position to take advantage of post correction share prices.

You would be wise to consult with a financial planner before making any investment decisions. Finding out the facts before making a decision is critical in every aspect of life, especially your financial life.

If you have any question about financial vehicles or any other financial planning concerns, Andrew can be reached at 877-5495 or at Investors Group in Brampton at 450-1500.



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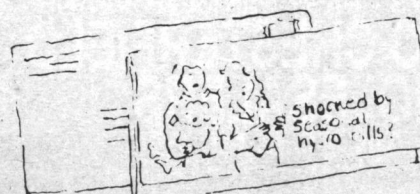
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