

IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE

The Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act gave approval to Halton Region in 1989 for a new landfill site. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act was included and a number of conditions were set.

Condition 1 of the approval is as follows;

"For more than a decade the Regional Municipality of Halton searched for a new landfill site to receive the waste of its citizens. A great deal of money was spent in the search, and residents of two communities felt threatened by the impending decision. In 1987 and 1988 a Hearing was held by the Consolidated Hearing Board established by the Environmental Assessment Board and the Ontario Municipal Board. This Board heard that although the Regional Corporation was responsible for disposing of waste

it was not alone responsible for waste reduction, reuse and recycling measures. This Board also heard that the waste recycling objectives in the Region were modest, being less than 20%.

The Board orders, therefore, as its first condition of approval for a new landfill site in the Regional Municipality of Halton, that the Regional Corporation enter into agreements with the Municipalities of the Region to establish a Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee having as its goal the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste so that there will be very little waste remaining to be landfilled. Through public meetings held at least twice a year the Committee should attempt to reach the goal through measures including but not limited to:

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| a) paper recycling and denial of landfilling paper products | d) development of measures to encourage retail outlet to reduce to the maximum extent possible "disposable" items and packaging materials, including fast food packaging materials. |
| b) promotion of individual, private and public composting facilities | e) provision of reception areas for household hazardous wastes; and, |
| c) provision of glass and metal recycling facilities for residential, apartment and commercial establishment waste. Including provision of reception areas for packaging materials at point-of-sale of such materials. | f) consideration and development of mandatory recycling programs which include rewards and penalties for compliance and non-compliance. |

Once each year the Regional Municipality shall report on the participation of area Municipalities and the extent of cooperation and progress on the work of this Committee in full-page advertisements in the newspapers

having general circulation in each of the Region's constituent Municipalities, under the headline "IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE", and is to include this condition in full at the beginning of such advertisement.

JOINT MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee was established in 1991 to satisfy the above Condition. It was intended as a cooperative effort between the Region and Area Municipalities to promote the 3 R's and as a result, to minimize Halton's long term disposal requirements.

In the Fall of 1993, under direction from the Joint Committee, the 1994 Waste Management Initiatives were developed with the following programs:

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| 1. Shared Demonstration Pilot Project for Recyclables | 10. Public Speaking |
| 2. Bi-weekly Blue Box Collection | 11. Advertising |
| 3. New Household Hazardous Waste Depot | 12. Halton's Blue Planet |
| 4. Household Hazardous Waste Demonstration Project | 13. Single Tier Waste Management (proposed) |
| 5. Igloo Program | 14. Centralized Composting Facility Review |
| 6. Reusables Collection Centre | 15. Composting - Research and Development Project |
| 7. School Waste Reduction Awareness Program | 16. Internal Waste Audit |
| 8. Vehicle Billboard Advertising Program | 17. IC & I Sector Involvement |
| 9. Special Environmental Events | 18. Expanded Blue Box / Composting Pilot Project |

The Joint Committee meetings are open to the public. Public input and participation in the developments of programs is encouraged.

MATERIALS DIVERTED THROUGH HALTON'S 1993 DIVERSION PROGRAMS

MATERIAL	TONNES
Paper Products	15,200
Glass	2,760
Cardboard	2,500
Steel/Aluminium Cans	1,900
Yard Waste	1,230
Scrap Metal	860
Drywall	400
Plastic Containers	300
Tires	100
TOTAL	25,250

Total residential waste received in 1993 - 80,000 tonnes.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Halton's Centralized Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at the Landfill Site on Highway #25 in Milton and is open Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for the disposal of : paints, oils, lawn chemicals, etc.

In 1993, Halton collected 260,000 litres of household hazardous materials, which was brought in by 8,500 vehicles.

A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report or if you have any comments or suggestions, please write to:

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Waste Management Division
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OAKVILLE, Ontario
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or call the Waste Management Information Line ... (905) 825-6000 ext.6033
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