

Alternatives to biosolids on farmland sought by Region

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and Hamilton as well as the Regions of Niagara and Peel, municipalities that he said are all "facing the same issues" as Halton.

Regional Council also passed a resolution in October to set up a biosolids advisory committee that Regional Councillor Barry Lee said will consider alternative methods of handling biosolids as well as new technologies available. The committee is comprised of eight councillors from each municipality, including Councillor Lee. And one member of the public from each municipality in Halton will sit on

the committee.

Since 1979, when the Region began its biosolids-recycling program, Halton has distributed approximately 190,000 cubic metres of liquid biosolids fertilizer and approximately 90,000 tonnes of dewatered biosolids fertilizer to farmland for crop production each year. The program, which offers a free service to farmers, is regulated by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) and monitored by the Region.



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Halton Region has operated a biosolids recycling program since 1979. Through the program, treated sewage sludge or biosolids are spread on suitable agricultural land. Biosolids are stored at the W.A. (Bill) Johnson Biosolids Management Centre off Highway 25 south of Milton.

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