

## Halton fights to protect Regional landfill

In a recorded, unanimous vote, Halton Regional Council told Queen's Park that Halton's landfill is for Halton residents only. Halton Region has asked the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment to take a leadership role in the waste management crisis by finding solutions that meet the needs of the entire Province. Halton wants the Province to reconsider waste management options they have earlier disregarded, such as energy from waste.

"We have to let the Provincial government know in no uncertain terms that Halton's landfill is not a willing host for other municipalities' waste," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "Halton's landfill was paid for by our property tax dollars and residents have done their part to protect our investment by working hard to reduce the amount of waste going into our landfill. We are extremely proud of our almost 42% diversion rate. There has been a lack of leadership at Queen's Park in how to deal with the pending garbage disposal crisis. This is not just a municipal issue. This is an issue that impacts the entire province and it's time for the Province to step up to the plate."

Halton residents are encouraged to add their voice to support Halton Region's efforts to accommodate only the waste generated by our community. Citizens are encouraged to contact their local Member of Provincial Parliament to express their concerns.

The issue of retaining Halton's landfill for use by Halton residents began in 2001 when Chairman Savoline was successful in securing a resolution by the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) to remove the Halton Waste Management Site from use by the GTSB as a waste disposal site.

In recent years, as their capacity

dwindled, other municipalities have resorted to sending their waste across the border into Michigan. With the threat of the border closing to southern Ontario's waste, Chairman Savoline and Halton Regional Council are taking an aggressive approach to ensure Halton's landfill remains exclusive to Halton residents.

Every year, Halton Region generates approximately 275,000 tonnes of garbage, which if loose and not compacted could fill the Rogers Centre in Toronto. The rest of the GTA produces enough garbage to fill the Rogers Centre 12.75 times per year. Halton's landfill does not have the capacity to handle waste from the GTA.

Said Chairman Savoline. "If our landfill was forced to take waste from other municipalities, it would reach capacity in less than three years, while if it remains dedicated for Halton, based on current recycling efforts, we have 17 years of use left. The Province has taken a lead in Provincial growth, health and the environment, so why are they stepping back when it comes to waste management? This isn't only a problem affecting Ontarians now; it is a long-term problem that will only get bigger as Ontario keeps growing. The time has now come for the Province to listen to our repeated requests and develop a Provincial plan for a comprehensive waste strategy that will address the needs of all municipalities, just like Halton did 20 years ago."

The Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) opened in 1992 following an \$8-million, 10-year Environmental Assessment process and engineering and construction costs of approximately \$52 million. In addition Halton Region spent \$60.6 million exporting its garbage during seven years of hearings when none of Halton's GTA neighbours would take Halton's waste.

## U.S. tourists at 26-year low in August

Citing a Statistics Canada report that tourist travel from the United States had reached a 26-year low in August, PC Tourism Critic Ted Arnott questioned Premier Dalton McGuinty on October 20th about the failure of the Liberal Government's tourism marketing efforts.

The Premier refused to answer the question, deflecting it to the Tourism Minister Jim Bradley.

"Based on the response given by the Minister, I'm not encouraged that new initiatives are forthcoming that would encourage the restoration of growth in our tourism sector," Mr. Arnott said later.

"Last Spring, I called for the extension of the \$128 million Tourism Recovery Program. That was our Conservative Government's response to support Ontario's tourism operators to recover from the SARS crisis," he continued.

"Instead, the Government abandoned Ontario's tourism sector, in its hour of greatest need," Mr. Arnott said. "The Statistics Canada report confirms this."



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Pictured enjoying the day at Oakbridge Equestrian's Fall Classic last weekend is Halton MP Gary Carr with Jane Edmunds from Milton's Look Ahead stables and her horse, Mikhaila

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