

# Power of new GTSB concerns Halton Region councillors

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instead. Halton's plan would give each municipality five seats.

The landfill site on Highway 25 — despite repeated verbal assurances that the dump will not be touched, the issue is skipped entirely in the latest draft. Halton wants dump protection written into the GTSB.

There was also concern about the powers of the GTSB. While at present the board is merely a coordinating body, councillors generally fear it has the potential to evolve into another level of government.

"The concern is that the GTSB may have too much power to justify its existence," said Oakville Councillor Keith Bird. "Will it evolve into another level of government?"

For Burlington Mayor Rob Maclsaac a GTSB with teeth would be making the best of a bad situation.

"If we're going to be in the pool we want to have some control," said Maclsaac. "We have to keep fighting the good fight to get what we think the GTSB ought to look like."

With regard to the landfill, there have been repeated assurances by GTSB moderator Alan Tonks that the site would be protected as is. Yet uneasiness remains.

"I haven't heard anything I could take to the bank," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz. "I don't put much faith in verbal assurances."

Krantz also came out as a strong supporter of parity representation, saying a GTSB should run along the lines of the successful GTA Mayors and Chairs Committee.

"One municipality, one vote," said Krantz.

—By Irene Gentle, special

# Four cases of salmonella reported in Halton

There have been four confirmed cases of salmonella in Halton, due to contaminated J.M. Schneider food products.

Three of the cases involve children, said Dave Stronach, senior advisor in health protection services at the Halton Region Health Department. He said there may have been a few other cases, but they had not been tested for confirmation.

Symptoms are similar to stomach flu with diarrhea and fever.

This week, J.M. Schneider recalled its Lunchmate products due to almost 200 reported cases— many of them children— of salmonella enteritis reported in Ontario since early March. The outbreak has been traced to the shredded

cheese in the Schneider's products.

The products being recalled are Lunchmate Chicken Soft Taco, Lunchmate Beef Taco, Lunchmate Two Cheese Pizza and Lunchmate Big Combo Beef Taco. Schneider has set up an information line: 1-800-221-2985.

Stronach said if people still have these products in their refrigerator to return them immediately to the store.

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