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WHEN: Saturday, September 18, 1999 To
Saturday, September 25, 1999
(excluding Sunday)

Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Halton Waste Management Site
5400 Regional Road 25 (7 km's North of Dundas St.)

Coupons for the compost are only available when you drop off materials at the landfill for the:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT
(eg. paint, stains, oil, fuels, pesticides,
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**YOU WILL BE BAGGING YOUR OWN COMPOST
SO BRING A SHOVEL AND BAGS/CONTAINERS**

* one vehicle load per household - up to a maximum of 7 bags *

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FOR PURCHASE AT THE SITE.**



** This Is Not A Coupon **

Waste strategy could extend life of dump

The strategy being considered to manage Halton's residential waste in coming years is expected to increase the amount of garbage diverted from the regional landfill in Milton extending its life expectancy to at least 47 years.

John Smith, waste management co-ordinator for Halton Region, said the draft preferred waste management strategy that has been supported by the Joint Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee and the region's Planning and Public Works Committee, is expected to increase the landfill's lifespan because the amount of waste diverted is to rise to 58 per cent over the next seven years from the current 37 per cent. Smith and Victor Lesnicki, director of Halton's Waste Management Services, outlined the strategy to Halton Hills councillors recently.

Smith said when the landfill site in Milton was opened in 1992 it was expected to last only 20 years and in order to achieve that target an Energy From Waste (EFW) facility, where garbage would be burned, was to be opened in the region by 2000.

But since the tipping fees at Halton's landfill are so expensive 150,000 tonnes of garbage each year from the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors has gone to less costly private facilities. That combined with a higher than expected residential diversion rate resulting in increasing the landfill's life to 35 or 36 years.

Smith said during the public consultation process to determine the regions' waste management strategy, which was done to update the old strategy and address the issue of the EFW facility, the public said it didn't want to see an EFW plant in Halton and would rather look at ways to increase waste diversion.

Smith said the main thrust of the strategy, which will go to regional council for consideration in October, is to get people to generate less garbage.

"(We want to) try to get people to change their habits so they put less out at the curb," said Smith.

Halton residents are already avid recyclers. Smith said Halton currently has the highest diversion (of waste from the landfill) rate in the Greater Toronto Area.

"Halton residents are very keen on waste management issues in general," said Smith.

Key components of the strategy include:

- A three-stream collection system (separate collection of recyclable materials, yard and kitchen organics and garbage.)

- User-pay programs should only be considered when all other means to increase diversion through voluntary measures have been exhausted.

- Halton's landfill site is the preferred disposal destination for Halton's residential waste.

- Halton should continue to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of waste export.

- Energy From Waste isn't a preferred alternative and shouldn't be considered until other means or waste diversion have been exhausted.

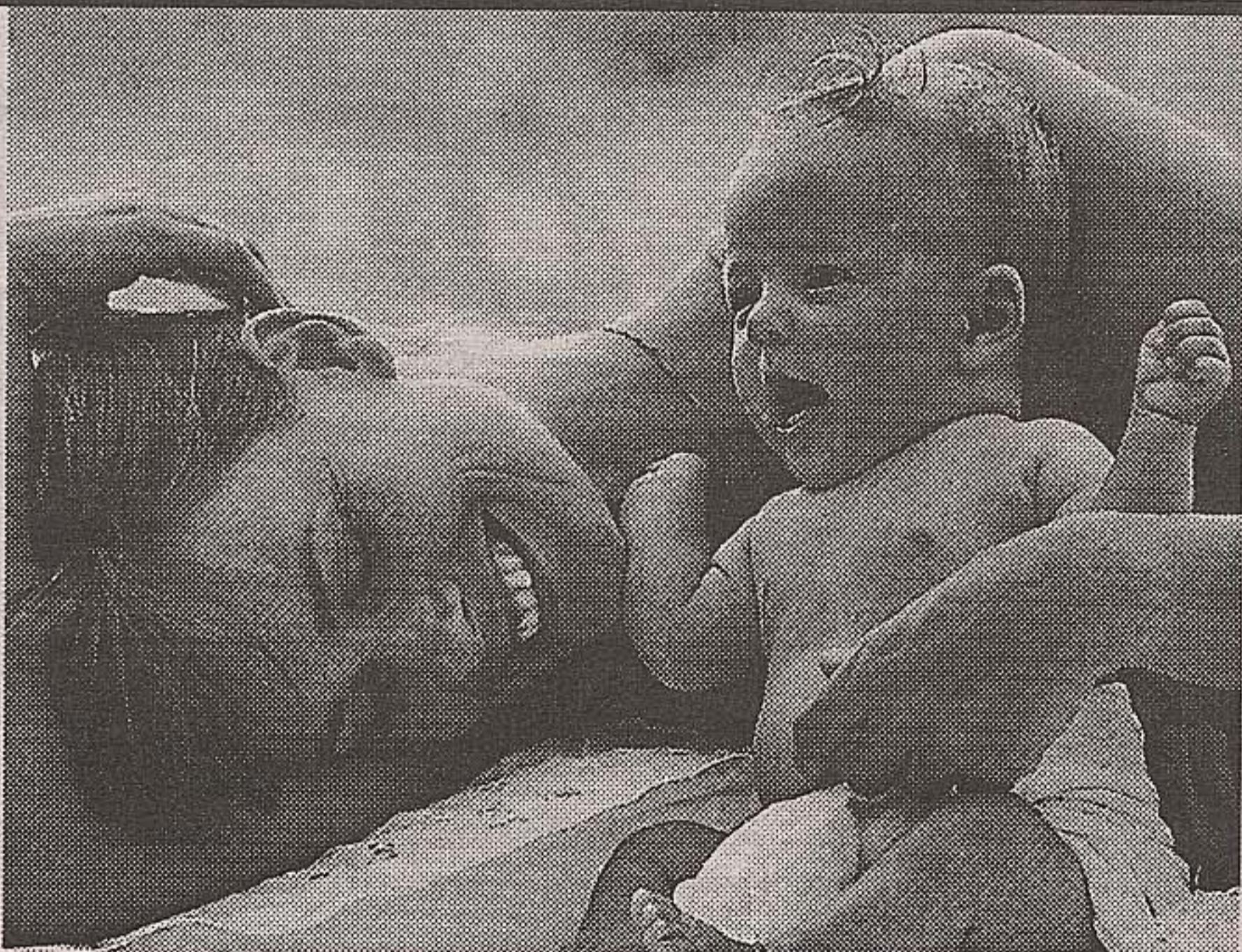
- The importance of maintaining flexibility with the Certificate of Approval amendment

As part of the strategy over the next three to four years the region intends to introduce its waste monitoring WasteWatch program, source reduction WasteLess program and resource recovery BlueMax program, that will cost about \$320,000 per year.

A pilot project to study the feasibility of implementing a household organics program will cost about \$300,000 over a three year period.

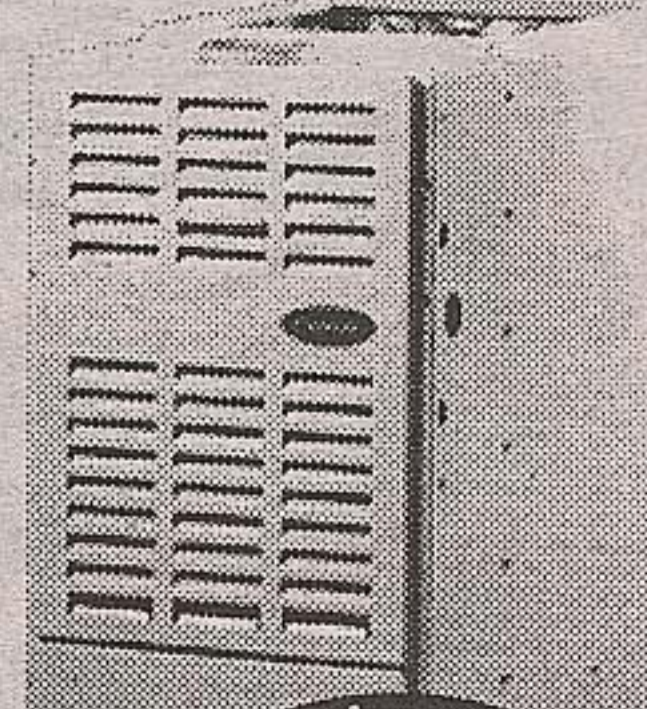
Smith said the draft strategy has been circulated to ratepayers groups, agencies and other interested parties for comment. Those comments will be incorporated in the final strategy to be presented to regional council for consideration in October.

—By Lisa Tallyn, special



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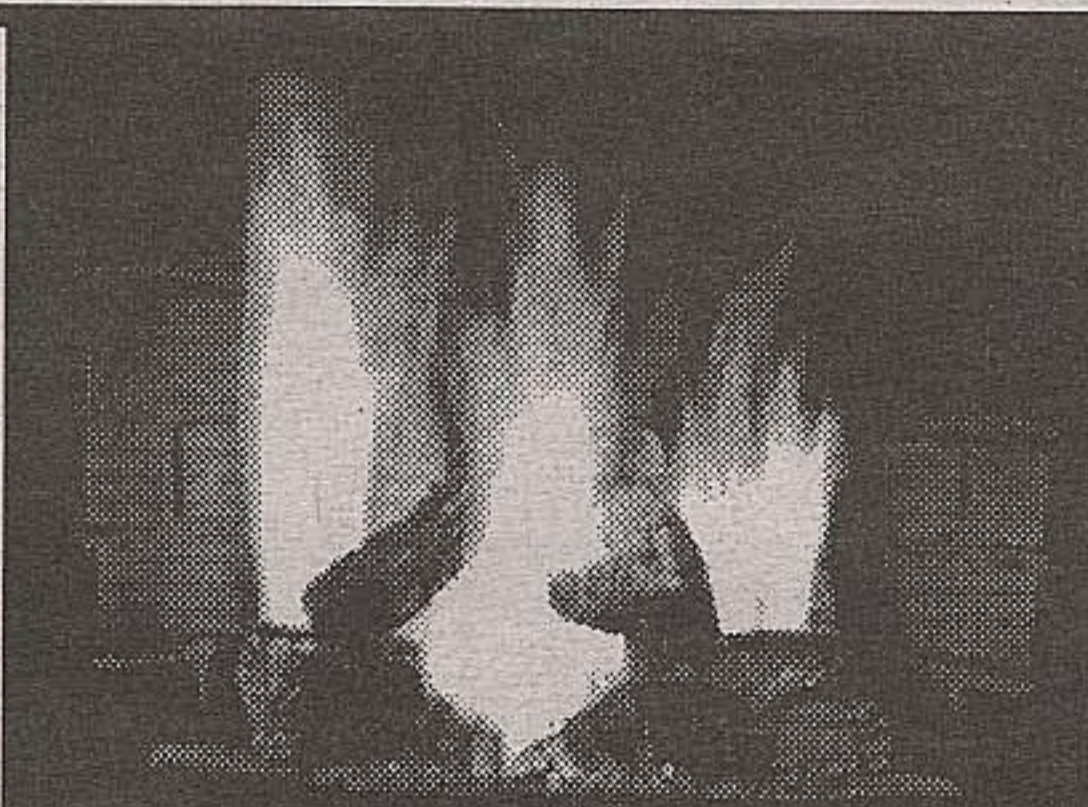
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An Apology
from
Janis Holley

My words regarding the Georgetown & Acton Fairs have been misunderstood. This was a personal interview and does not reflect the opinion of Culligan in any way. I would like to extend my deepest apology for any upset that I have caused.

I see both fairs bringing very different things to each community & I really enjoy being a part of both.

Yours truly,
Janis Holley

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