

Region planning director refutes findings of hazardous waste study

Halton's planning director Pat Murphy refutes a suggestion that Halton is the third largest generator and fifth largest receiver of the hazardous waste in the province.

A study, Open for Toxics: A Study of Hazardous Waste Generation Disposal in Ontario, recently released by the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP), which fingered Burlington district— which includes all of Halton, including Halton Hills, and

the Region of Peel.

The top toxic culprits aren't located in this region at all, assured Murphy.

"The prime generators of hazardous waste are not in Halton at all. They're outside our boundaries," he said. "And our treatment facilities in Halton are more than capable and meet all ministry standards."

Halton receives no hazardous waste other than that collected from its Household Hazardous Waste depot, added Murphy.

Murphy fingered Mississauga's

Safety-Kleen Ltd. as a prime source of hazardous waste in the Burlington District.

The misunderstanding, said Halton chair Joyce Savoline, has put an unwarranted fear into local residents.

"It has alarmed some citizens that hazardous waste is being handled in this community that they didn't know about," she said.

The CIELAP study— the first of its kind in a decade— found that toxic waste imported into Ontario jumped by 138 per cent between 1994 and

1998. And waste generated within Ontario leaped 42 per cent in the same time frame.

The study was based on transported quantities of hazardous waste or liquid industrial waste only, which are monitored by the province.

Leachate waste— the stuff which leaks from landfill sites— is considered by the study as a generator of the toxic stuff.

But under Ministry guidelines, the leachate from Halton's landfill is considered non-hazardous waste.



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