



# Simply Halton

Your Halton Connection  
February '06



## Comments Welcome

**Joyce Savoline**  
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

At Halton Region, it has always been our practice to be both *transparent* in how we manage our responsibilities and *accountable* to you, the taxpayer. One example is



Halton's Solid Waste Management Strategy. Regional Council approved the strategy, still current today, in 1999 with a focus on reducing garbage and increasing our diversion rate by recycling or reusing waste and thereby extending the life of our landfill.

Halton residents have shown strong support for the Strategy by embracing the programs and services we offer. In fact, Halton residents' participation has allowed us to achieve one of the highest diversion rates in the GTA with almost 42 percent of our residential waste being kept from the landfill.

We have just updated our Solid Waste Management Strategy with the guidance of the citizen advisory, Joint Municipal/Regional Waste Management Committee. This draft strategy takes us from 2006 - 2010 and identifies new research initiatives, priorities and an even higher diversion target of 60% – achievable with the full implementation of the organics program.

**“Your feedback will help shape Halton's future waste management practices.”**

We would like your input! I invite you to visit the Open House in your municipality and provide us with comments on the draft strategy. Your feedback will help shape Halton's future waste management practices.

The draft strategy along with your input will be presented to Regional Council in the spring.

## Halton Meetings & Events

February Meetings at Regional Headquarters

<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>	9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b>	9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b>	9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee



## Strategy for the Future

**A. Brent Marshall**  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Did you know that 45 per cent of the content in an average Halton garbage bag could be composted through a household composting program, like our GreenCart program?

Halton residents are leaders in recycling, but 17 per cent of what is still getting thrown out, could instead be going in our existing Blue Box program.

These facts form the basis for Halton's draft Solid Waste Management Strategy and show us the potential for increasing Halton's diversion rate.

By implementing programs like a Region-wide GreenCart program, making our Blue Box and other recycling programs even better, we

can maximize and conserve our landfill capacity, and ensure Halton is managing its waste responsibly for the long-term.

While the draft strategy focuses on our solid waste needs up to 2010, it also includes proposals

for programs to help increase our diversion rate beyond this date. Proposals include lowering the number of bags allowed at the curb every week, implementing a user pay system and investigating energy from waste technology. These proposals are being examined as options for the future. And, as our community continues to grow, we will continue to examine and expand upon viable options for disposing of our garbage.

### A typical garbage bag contains:

Steel	1%
Aluminum	2%
Glass	3%
Yard Waste	5%
Plastic	10%
Recyclable Paper	10%
Compostable Paper	10%
Miscellaneous	24%
Kitchen Organics	35%

**“17% of what is still thrown out could be going in our Blue Boxes.”**



## Open Houses

### Halton Region's Solid Waste Management Strategy

<b>Burlington</b> February 13 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Burlington City Hall	<b>Oakville</b> February 16 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Oakville Town Hall	<b>Milton</b> February 21 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hugh Foster Hall (beside Milton Town Hall)	<b>Halton Hills</b> February 23 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Halton Hills Civic Centre, Georgetown
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