

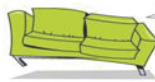


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Police pals

Lee Snow of Georgetown (second from right) was joined by some friends of the Halton Regional Police Service recently at the annual Special Friends Day hosted by the police at Country Heritage Park in Milton. Physically and developmentally challenged residents from across Halton joined officers for a day of fun. The previous day Snow took part in the Optimist Club of Milton's annual trout derby at Fish4Trout in Milton.

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It's Our Own Garbage

The Joint Board under the *Consolidated Hearings Act* gave approval to Halton Region in 1989 for a new landfill site. Approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act* was included and a number of conditions were set.

Condition 1 of the approval is as follows:

For more than a decade, the Regional Municipality of Halton searched for a new landfill site to receive the waste of its citizens. A great deal of money was spent in the search, and residents of two communities felt threatened by the impending decision. In 1987 and 1988 a Hearing was held by the Consolidated Hearing Board established by the Environmental Assessment Board and the Ontario Municipal Board. This Board heard that although the Regional Corporation was responsible for disposing of waste, it was not alone responsible for waste reduction, reuse and recycling measures. This Board also heard that the waste recycling objectives in the Region were modest, being less than 20%.

The Board orders, therefore, as its first condition of approval for a new landfill site in the Regional Municipality of Halton, that the Regional Corporation enter into agreements with the Municipalities of the Region to establish a Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee having as its goal the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste so that there will be very little waste remaining to be landfilled. Through public meetings held at least twice a year the Committee should attempt to reach the goal through measures including but not limited to:

- a) paper recycling and denial of landfilling paper products;
- b) promotion of individual, private and public composting facilities;
- c) provision of glass and metal recycling facilities for residential, apartment and commercial establishment waste, including provision of reception areas for packaging materials at point of-sale of such materials;

- d) development of measures to encourage retail outlets to reduce to the maximum extent possible "disposable" items and packaging materials, including fast-food packaging materials;
- e) provision of reception areas for household hazardous wastes, and
- f) consideration and development of mandatory recycling programs which include rewards and penalties for compliance and non-compliance.

Once each year the Regional Municipality shall report on the participation of local Municipalities and the extent of cooperation and progress on the work of this Committee in full-page advertisements in the newspapers having general circulation in each of the Region's constituent Municipalities, under the headline "IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE", and is to include this condition in full at the beginning of such advertisement.

Joint Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee

The Committee is composed of members from the Local Municipalities of Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville and assists in promoting the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) in order to minimize the amount of waste being landfilled. The Committee was established to satisfy the above Condition.

In 2007, the Committee assisted in developing the communications plan for the GreenCart implementation and the Take It Back! Halton directory. Both initiatives are outlined in the 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy, designed to assist Halton with meeting a target of diverting 60% of its waste away from landfill.

The following programs from 2007 will help achieve Halton Region's 60% waste diversion goal:

Promotion & Education

- Newsletters with information on maximizing waste diversion
- Waste management calendars
- Award-winning workshops for schools, community groups and apartments reaching 19,500 people
- Participation in community events and open houses

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot

- Paint reuse program
- Household battery recycling
- Fluorescent light recycling
- Pesticide exchange program



Waste Diversion Programs

- Take It Back! Halton
- GreenCart demonstration program
- Cell phone, printer cartridge, eyeglass, natural cork and electronics recycling
- Salvation Army Reuse Depot
- Blue Boxes delivered to new subdivisions
- Composter and Blue Box sales

Special Events

- Compost Give Away
- Tire Amnesty Day
- Environment Day
- HWMS 15th Birthday
- Electronic Waste Amnesty Week



Material Diverted in 2007 by the Residents of Halton Region

- Total residential diversion from landfill by all waste reduction initiatives was 85,849 tonnes (41.7% Waste Diversion).
- 46,358 vehicles brought in 773,569 litres and 100,049 kilograms of household hazardous waste material to our HHW Depot.
- Total residential waste landfilled at the Halton Waste Management Site was 120,268 tonnes.



A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report or if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Halton Region Waste Management Services.

www.halton.ca/waste