

New reservoir could be located in Halton Hills

Plans are slowly but surely moving ahead for a large water reservoir— possibly located in Halton Hills— to serve the new area of Milton.

An environmental assessment (EA) for the 20,000-cubic-metre facility was endorsed by regional council at its meeting last Wednesday.

While the Region had originally hoped to construct the reservoir on No. 14 Sideroad, east of Bell School Line, the location drew considerable opposition from both the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the public.

Now, the recommended site is in Halton Hills on the east side of Third Line, north of 10 Sideroad.

The reservoir would provide water for new and existing development in the newer parts of Milton and in the Halton Hills 401 Corridor.

A staff report on the topic said without the reservoir, further servicing allocations for new homes in Milton can't be made.

The new reservoir needs to be in service by next year at the 20,000-cubic-metre capacity, with a provision to expand to 40,000 cubic metres in the future.

It's expected to cost \$30 million, of which \$20 million has already been approved by council in previous budgets. The remaining \$10 million will be in the upcoming 2009 budget.

Council directed staff to place the EA on the public record for a 30-day review period.

If the Minister of the Environment doesn't receive any requests to 'bump up,' or elevate the EA to a level that requires more thorough environmental study, the project will soon proceed to the financing plan stage, followed by detailed design and construction.

GreenCart program expanded to elementary schools

Regional council recently approved an initiative to expand the Region's GreenCart program into all elementary schools.

The plan is to gradually implement the program, which diverts food scraps from the landfill and composts them instead. Blue Boxes have been in Halton schools since 2003.

Six elementary schools in the region took part in a GreenCart pilot project and will continue using the bins, while another eight have already expressed interest in taking part, Region staff reports.

It's estimated that about 1,000 GreenCarts and 1,500 Kitchen Catcher bins will be needed to service all of the elementary schools in the publicly-funded

school system. The containers would cost about \$18,000 and be accommodated in the Region's budget.

The annual cost to collect Blue Box and GreenCart material from elementary schools is estimated at \$52,000. It's also expected to cost \$12,000 to process and transfer the materi-

als. Both figures were incorporated in the approved 2008 budget.

A pilot project to be launched at a Burlington high school will help the Region determine the operational logistics and resource requirements to have GreenCarts in high schools, since they produce more organic material than elementary schools.

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