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Are you planning to attend this Sunday's Leathertown Festival?



Marie Okrouk, Acton
"I like Leathertown Festival because it brings the community together with all the people there. If I'm not working I'll be going this year - I like the little concerts and the clowns and the dance people and I always have pizza."



William Sloos, Acton
"I've lived in Acton for the last four years and enjoy going to Leathertown every year - I enjoy the music and the food and hanging out and seeing people and enjoying the afternoon."



Lisa Cunningham, Guelph
"I've never been to it, but I've heard it's a good time and I'll be in town, so I'm coming with some friends to check it out. I've heard there are good deals, lots of people and good music."



David West, rural Milton
"I've heard of the Leathertown Festival but I won't be there. It's not something that I would attend."

Region moves forward on Energy from Waste plant

Halton Regional Council will be moving forward establishing an Energy from Waste Facility (EFW) at the Halton Waste Management Site on Regional Road 25 in Milton.

Regional Council has authorized staff to prepare a business case for the implementation of an EFW facility which will be presented to Regional Council in Spring 2007 and will include the preliminary environmental, health, air quality, transportation and financial assessments needed to initiate public consultation and make an informed decision on the options for the EFW facility.

Ontario Environment

Minister Laurel Broten recently provided the Region with a written confirmation that Halton Region has approval under the Environmental Assessment Act to implement an EFW facility, at such time as the Region determines one is needed for the management of waste. This approval from the Minister is part of the original Joint Board decision which was the result of the onerous 10 plus years' Environmental Assessment process for the Halton Region Waste Management Site which was approved in February 1989.

Halton Region has the responsibility and an obligation to continue to take

a leadership position and become self-sufficient in managing its own waste. This includes proactively responding to the fact that the Halton Waste Management Site capacity will be exhausted by 2030 even with a 60 percent diversion rate from the landfill. As well, the producers of over 150,000 tonnes of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) Waste, within Halton, transfer their waste annually to Michigan/United States by truck. There is the potential for the Michigan border to be closed to Ontario waste and municipalities looking to Halton's landfill as a solution.

"Halton's landfill capacity

is finite," said Halton Region Chairman Joyce Savoline. "Just as it has been a leader in the delivery of water and wastewater services, Halton Region is in front of the waste issue and exploring the opportunity to implement a safe, clean, green, state-of-the-art facility using world class technology. By implementing a made in Halton energy from waste solution, Halton is in a unique and favourable position to become self-sufficient in managing our waste and control our own destiny." Halton Region has approval, through the Environmental Assessment Act that established the Halton Waste Management Site, to implement an Energy from Waste facility that can safely reduce the amount of waste that goes into the landfill. The approval was based

on a number of conditions, including the Joint Board decision Condition 2, which stated that the Region would make all reasonable efforts to comply with the solid waste management strategy including implementing an EFW within eight years from the opening of the site.

"The need to manage our current and future waste disposal is becoming increasingly important," stated Halton Region Chief Administrative Officer Brent Marshall. "The looming waste and energy crisis in Ontario is driving our concern. We recognize the need to be pro-active. We have the time to do this right and develop a made in Halton solution which would effectively extend the life of the Halton Waste Management Site to the year 2050."

Staff will present the business case to Regional Council in the spring of 2007, at which time, the Halton community will be invited to comment and provide their input.

"Public input is needed and necessary," said Chairman Savoline. "While the public is becoming more supportive of alternative waste management technologies, further education and information is required."

The public is invited to consult Halton's web site at www.halton.ca for more information on Halton's waste management strategy. As well, the public is invited to contact Halton Region directly for more information at 905-825-6000 or to leave comments or information requests either by phone at 905-825-6000, ext. 7920 or by email at efw@halton.ca.

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Few take West Nile precautions...

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week has rested positive for WNV. No positive mosquito pools have been found in Halton.

So far this season, Halton has larvicided 71 locations

where standing water could breed mosquitoes, including five storm water ponds in Acton at Fairview Avenue and Poplar Avenue, Gordon's Creek Court and Fourth Line, Birchway Place, Deer Run Crescent and Acton Boulevard, north of McDonald Boulevard.

Each location is moni-

tored on a weekly basis and if mosquito larvae is found, a contractor hired by Halton determines if an approved larvicide needs to be applied.

Halton's WNV budget for the 2006 season is \$1.3-million with 65 per cent of the cost covered by the Province.

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