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Approve Green Cart....

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and should help in raising Halton's waste diversion rate to the target of 60 per cent from the current 43 per cent."

Earlier this year, at a meeting on May 30, Regional Council approved Report PPW 79-07, which endorsed the implementation of a Region-wide GreenCart program along with weekly Blue Box collection and bi-weekly garbage collection, subject to and as part of the awards of the 2007 Waste Collection and Processing Contracts.

The residential waste collection has been awarded to Milton Waste Systems (MWS). They currently provide waste collection including Blue Box and Organic Waste (GreenCart) to over 500,000 residential households in Ajax, Markham, Oshawa, Pickering, Richmond Hill, Whitby and now Vaughn.

Halton's current waste collection contract expires on January 31, 2008 and has been extended to April 4, to ensure sufficient time for the new waste collection contractor to acquire equipment and resources while allowing the Region to properly prepare to introduce the new services.

"An integrated waste management system is truly a program evolution and will allow us to manage our resi-

dential waste efficiently and in a cost-effective way," added Peter Crockett, Halton's Commissioner of Planning and Public Works. "It will make it easier for residents to participate in our recycling programs and should result in more waste being recycled than what is being sent to landfill. In addition, Halton Region will continue to be responsible for and manage its own waste."

Under the waste collection system taking effect April 7, 2008, garbage and yard waste collected by MWS will be delivered to the Halton Waste Management Site at 5400 Regional Road 25 in Milton. Blue Box and GreenCart materials collected by MWS will be taken to two waste transfer stations. Regional Council has authorized staff to negotiate transfer station agreements with Leferink Transfer Limited in Georgetown and Walker Industries in Burlington. Blue Box materials will be sent from the waste transfer stations to Halton Recycling Limited in Burlington for processing and GreenCart materials will be processed by AIM Waste Management at the City of Hamilton's composting facility.

Delivery of GreenCarts and Kitchen Catchers to residents will take place in March 2008. Delivered with the carts will be an information package to help residents use the GreenCart and answer questions they may have.

The GreenCart is like a Blue Box for your kitchen scraps. It collects household food waste, which is composted into material for use in landscaping, agriculture and restoration projects.

In addition, effective April 7, 2008, Blue Box materials will be able to be co-mingled in one box and will no longer have to be separated into two boxes. Currently glass, plastic, metal and polycoat containers go in one Blue Box and acceptable paper materials in another.

Advances in technology and changes in the marketplace have allowed the Region to change the way of collecting and processing recycling materials.

The changes to waste collection are part of the 2006-2010 Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS), approved by Regional Council in June 2006, to reach the 60 per cent target diversion rate and increase the life of the landfill. In the coming months Halton Region will be communicating the changes through advertising, community outreach and promotion.

Residents can find more information on Halton waste management programs and services by visiting the website www.halton.ca/waste, or by calling 905-825-6000 or toll-free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).

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