



Simply Halton

Your Halton Connection
November 05

HWMS Awards

- **Top Rechargeable Battery Recycler in Canada, 2004** –Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation
- **Special Waste Bronze Award, Excellence in Municipal Solid Waste Management, 1997** –Solid Waste Association of North America
- **National Promotions and Education Awards, 1994 & 1996** –Association of Municipal Recycling Coordinators
- **Ontario Waste Minimization Award, 2004** –Recycling Council of Ontario

Interesting HWMS facts

- **First landfill in Canada to use rubberized asphalt to pave all onsite roads (35,000 scrap tires were used in the process)**
- **HWMS converts 24,000 tonnes of yard waste into 16,000 tonnes of compost every year.**
- **Residents can drop off unwanted, reusable items at the Salvation Army Reuse Depot at the HWMS.**
- **One of very few landfills in Ontario used by the Ministry of the Environment for training of provincial inspectors on proper waste disposal.**
- **HWMS collects rainwater from building roofs to reuse on site for tasks such as washing equipment and lawn and garden watering**
- **HWMS uses a falconer and bird of prey to effectively deter seagulls from the landfill**



The Halton Waste Management Site
5400 Regional Road 25. Open Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)

Halton Meetings & Events

Saturday, November 5, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Hearthside Auction at the Halton Region Museum

November Meetings at Regional Headquarters

Tuesday, November 8
9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee

Wednesday, November 9
9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee
1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 16
9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 29
9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee

Wednesday, November 30
9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee
1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee

Halton's Waste Management Site: A Made in Halton Solution



Joyce Savoline
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN

Every year, Halton produces enough garbage to fill the entire Rogers Centre in Toronto. The rest of the GTA produces enough garbage to fill the Rogers Centre 12.75 times every year.

Given the current waste management crisis, you can appreciate why the Region has been fighting to ensure that Halton's landfill is only open for Halton's waste. While other municipalities are looking for alternatives to shipping their garbage across the border, Halton addressed these issues years ago and came up with a state of the art facility to develop a made in Halton solution.

After being approved for a landfill under the Environmental Protection Act in 1981, Halton was the first municipality to be directed by the Province to apply for a landfill site under the new Environmental

Assessment Act. We were subjected to a lengthy and rigorous examination that concluded in 1986, followed by a Joint Board Hearing. This process culminated in 194 days of evidence with close to 50,000 pages of transcript.

Halton taxpayers paid \$8 million (including \$2.5 million in Provincial grant money) for the Environmental Assessment Hearings. Our landfill site was finally opened in September 1992 at a cost of \$52 million, with a life expectancy of 20 years. Thanks to your diligence, community programs, recycling

The lengthy, unpredictable EA process cost Halton residents \$60 million in export fees while waiting for approvals for our landfill.

initiatives and diversion efforts, the life expectancy of our landfill has been vastly increased.

Halton residents have worked hard over the past 10 years to ensure that our landfill will meet our needs for years to come. You paid for your landfill and you deserve to be rewarded with a site that will continue to work for you in the future.

Halton Region is proud that the diligence of our residents has given us one of the highest diversion rates in the GTA, with almost 42% of residential waste being diverted away from our landfill. We will continue to advocate to the Province that Halton's landfill remain for the express use of Halton residents.

Managing a Valuable Resource



A. Brent Marshall
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS) is a valuable resource to Halton residents, offering not only waste disposal, but so much more. It provides a one-stop solution for reducing, reusing and recycling

across the Region, while also offering safe disposal of household hazardous waste.

Without the services offered at the HWMS, Halton wouldn't be able to boast one of the highest diversion rates in the GTA. We are recognized as an industry leader in waste management, with the site winning numerous awards acknowledging Halton's hard work in waste reduction.

Every year, Halton residents generate approximately 24,000 tonnes of yard waste which is recycled into approximately 16,000 tonnes of compost, available to residents at no charge at our two Compost Giveaway events.

Another area of the HWMS is dedicated to our Household Hazardous Waste Depot where every year residents dispose of more than 700,000 litres of hazardous waste – keeping this material out of

our drains and out of our landfill. Approximately 80% of the material collected is recycled or reused, while other items such as paint, oil, and batteries are being safely disposed of without contaminating our environment.

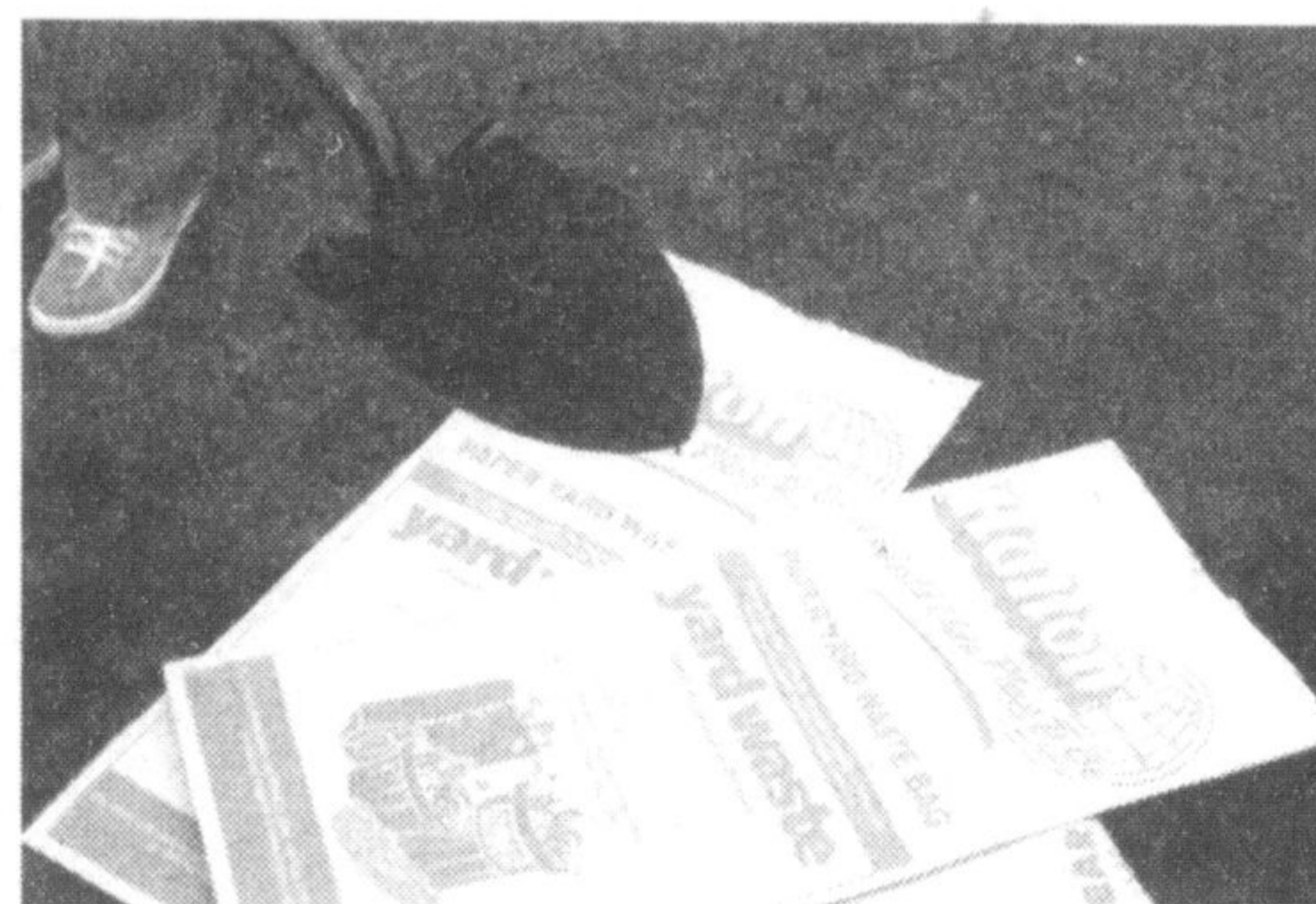
5,000 Halton residents are part of our GreenCart demonstration program to further increase our diversion rate.

If you're planning on painting this spring, be sure to visit our Paint Reuse shed where you can drop off or pick up usable paint and stain free of charge. The paint reuse program runs from the spring to fall and is another

example of how the Halton Waste Management Site is so much more than a "dump".

To make sure Halton is providing the best in waste management services to our residents, we have a Halton Waste Management Strategy that guides our waste management programs. Put in place in 1999, the strategy is multifaceted, focussing on the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) and public education initiatives to help reduce the amount of waste going into our landfill. We are currently updating the strategy to provide Halton with even more waste management options to further increase our diversion rate and extend the life of our landfill to double its original lifespan.

For more information on the services available at the HWMS, please call us, check out our website or look at your 2005 waste management calendar.



Halton's yard waste program produces around 16,000 tonnes of compost every year.

We welcome your feedback. Contact Access Halton at accesshalton@region.halton.on.ca
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