

Decision expected soon

Town wants \$1.2 million for dump hearing costs

The day of reckoning concerning Halton's proposed 20-year landfill site is rapidly approaching, so the various parties involved are getting ready to settle up accounts. Predictably, most of them feel wronged and want money for compensation. Including the town of Milton.

Sometime soon the hearing panel will release a decision, long awaited and following approximately two years of testimony, that will determine whether Milton or Burlington becomes home to Halton's garbage for the foreseeable future.

No matter what the outcome, Halton's chief administrative officer, John Fleming, believes some costs will be awarded. He contacted various parties to determine what they will be seeking.

Milton wants \$1,258,494, the town's costs "to prepare for and present its case," Mr. Fleming said.

Burlington hasn't picked a specific number, indeed has indicated they will not petition for costs. But if Milton gets any money Burlington "has indicated its wish for equitable treatment," Mr. Fleming said.

Burlington has not released its costs to the region, but a Milton brief says that city spent \$1,542,007 over 1987 and 1988, Mr. Fleming said.

National Sewer Pipe, a company that owns land in Burlington on which they would have willingly operated a landfill, seeks \$663,575.

National Sewer Pipe was eliminated from contention due to late filing of an application.

The Milton Area Citizen's Coalition wants the full amount that private group spent fighting the dump, \$278,415.

The Burlington Ratepayers, a similar citizen's organization on the other side of the fence, is asking for \$244,253. They said they spent \$287,821, but will not seek compensation for money gleaned through fundraising in the community or obtained from the city of Burlington.

Halton region must pay the cost awards. Mr. Fleming said his staff advice was that "a significant award" of costs would mean a new debenture for the region.


If an award "for a significant percentage of the sums requested" was made "the impact on our solid waste tipping fees would be substantial," Mr. Fleming said.

Already those tipping fees have risen dramatically, from approximately \$30 a metric tonne to more than \$80, when a new agreement was negotiated with an American disposal company several months ago.

Mr. Fleming has directed Halton's landfill lawyer, Thomas Lederer, "to take issue with the requests for costs by the town of Milton and National Sewer Pipe, in hopes of "limiting awards to those two parties."

However, Mr. Fleming adopted a softer approach to the ratepayer groups. He spoke of the "financial burden" imposed on those organizations "by a hearing of the length and magnitude of this one. It is to be expected that a cost award will be made to these two groups."

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