Orangeville garbage is closer to Milton

By NORMAN NELSON

Halton Region has agreed to be a middleman for Orangeville's garbage if required.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz supported the decision but expressed concern that the municipality may be ultimately eyeing the 5-million

tonne dump Halton is putting in Milton.

However, Orangeville public works director Jack Tupling told regional council that it's not an option being considered "at this time."

Halton Hills councillors, not surprisingly, had the most to say about

the request since the garbage — about 60 tonnes a day — is des ned to be routed through the Leferink transfer station in Georgetown.

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Orangeville's own landfill is operating on borrowed time — the most recent emergency extension granted by the Ministry of Environment runs out in early September.

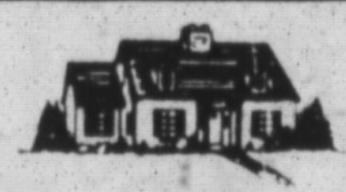
The municipality is frantically pursuing several disposal options. Some of these options are with fellow Dufferin County municipalities which have their own landfill, but others would require garbage being trucked to quite distant locations, including sites near Ottawa and in the United States.

Implementing the long distance options would require a transfer station. And Halton, which itself has to export all of its own garbage, happens to have a convenient one located in Georgetown (it also operates another one in Burlington).

Halton Hills municipal council rebuffed the Orangeville request, and although its regional representatives couldn't muster a similar vote at regional council, they did manage to lobby for two important concessions.

The first, is that the use of the transfer station would only be until the end of next year and not, as Orangeville requested, until it opens its own landfill, expected to be in five years time. The second is that Orangeville pay a portion of the original capital costs of the transfer station.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller warned he would not look favorably on any attempt by Orangeville to seek an extension for use of the Halton Hills transfer station.



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