

Cost of recycling rises 77 per cent in past three years

Those blue recycling boxes dotted along suburban streets are more expensive than they look, according to a Town of Milton report. Recycling costs Milton residents about \$150,000 a year, public works

director John Matthews told municipal council Monday night. The average cost of recycling a given tonne of various materials acceptable in the program has gone up 77 per cent in the last three years,

Mr. Matthews said. The reason is that more and more commodities are being recycled but prices for the raw materials — such as paper and glass — have fallen off dramatically.

Basically, there's a glut. Halton Region is charging the area municipalities \$100 a tonne to deal with their recyclable waste. That's expected to amount to roughly \$150,000 for Milton's annual production of 1,500 tonnes or so of blue box cans, bottles and newsprint. "It's almost like a recycling tax," said Ward 2 councillor John Challinor.

"Almost," Mr. Matthews replied. The program is also indirectly subsidized by the provincial government, but Mr. Challinor pointed out that those subsidies are to end in 1994. At that time, he suggested, the private sector will have to become involved because the amount of public funding available will simply be "inadequate."

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Halton Hills councillor Marilyn Serjeantson, who chairs the committee that initially decided to take Peel's money, said, "it's my understanding" the \$10,000 comes "with no strings attached at this point."

"At this point," stressed Mr. Krantz. "I share some of the reservations of my colleague Mayor Krantz," said Burlington Mayor Walter Mulke-ewich.

"This should be a Halton project. This is a feasibility study and it should be a Halton study."

After the regional meeting, Mr. Lee warned that "nobody gives you anything without wanting something down the line."

Halton is studying the idea of

building a composting centre at the 250-acre landfill off Highway 25 south of urban Milton because provincial authorities told municipal governments to reduce the amount of waste going into dump sites.

Initially, Halton had planned to burn the garbage in an energy from waste (EFW) incinerator. But EFW plants have fallen out of favour with the Province.

Most municipalities in the GTA can't even find landfill sites, let alone plan schemes to divert waste.

Peel, for instance, has kept its current Britannia Road landfill open longer than expected because a new site hasn't been found yet.

Elsewhere in the GTA, landfill space is expected to run out by the middle of the decade.

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