

Recycling paying better dividends

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The Champion

It may just be that municipalities are learning to do it better but recycling — never before a financially winning proposition for Halton Region — is starting to pay for itself. That was the word from the Region recently as a recycling tender passed

through both its planning and public works committee and regional council.

But the recent success wasn't enough for regional council to agree to sign with a different contractor who offered a revenue-sharing alternative, with potential for higher income, or loss.

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo said

the contractor "was not willing to take the risk but says the taxpayers of Halton should take the risk. The market is volatile right now. We could make a lot of money, we could lose it."

Mr. Rinaldo said the alternative could be re-examined when the newly approved recycling contract expires in three years. "I suspect if the market stabilizes we would look at it," he said.

A three-year contract was renewed with Halton Recycling Ltd. and includes a lesser risk revenue-sharing agreement.

"I was a vocal critic of the blue box program on the basis that the high costs did not justify the environmental benefits. The last couple of years is proving me wrong," said public works commissioner Art Leitch.

In 1992, Halton Region was paying \$141/ton for the blue box program. With the new contract the cost has dropped to \$42/ton.

"It's so dramatic. You can't collect and landfill garbage for less than

that," said Mr. Leitch.

The drop in price is attributed to the fact that in 1993, the Region went to a separate contract for blue box collection — one that also lessened pick-up to once every two weeks and reduced curbside sorting of paper and cans. Mr. Leitch said savings were roughly \$1 million.

The second influential factor is the improved market for recyclable materials. Councillors heard that as

soft drink companies switched more to aluminium versus steel in pop cans, the recyclable aluminium market paid better dividends.

"Recycling has become economically viable and self-sustaining," noted Mr. Leitch.

Regional chair Peter Pomeroy, however, was more reserved. "We've got a lot of catching up to do before we break even on the blue box program."

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