

# IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE

The Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act gave approval to Halton Region in 1989 for a new landfill site. Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act was included and a number of conditions were set.

Condition 1 of the approval is as follows:

\* For more than a decade, the Regional Municipality of Halton searched for a new landfill site to receive the waste of its citizens. A great deal of money was spent in the search, and residents of two communities felt threatened by the impending decision. In 1987 and 1988, a Hearing was held by the Consolidated Hearing Board established by the Environmental Assessment Board and the Ontario Municipal Board. This Board heard that although the Regional Corporation was responsible

for disposing of waste, it was not alone responsible for waste reduction, reuse and recycling measures. This Board also heard that the waste recycling objectives in the Region were modest, being less than 20%.

The Board orders, therefore, as its first condition of approval for a new landfill site in the Regional Municipality of Halton, that the Regional Corporation enter into agreements with the Municipalities of the Region to establish a Municipal-Regional Waste Management Committee having as its goal the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste so that there will be very little waste remaining to be landfilled. Through public meetings held at least twice a year, the Committee should attempt to reach the goal through measures including but not limited to:

- a) Paper recycling and denial of landfilling paper products.
- b) Promotion of individual, private, and public composting facilities.
- c) Provision of glass and metal recycling facilities for residential, apartment and commercial establishment waste, including provision of reception areas for packaging materials at point-of-sale of such materials.
- d) Development of measures to encourage retail outlets to reduce to the maximum extent possible "disposable" items and packaging materials, including fast-food packaging materials.
- e) Provision of reception areas for household hazardous wastes and
- f) Consideration and development of mandatory recycling programs which include rewards and penalties for compliance and non-compliance.

Once each year the Regional Municipality shall report on the participation of area Municipalities and the extent of cooperation and progress on the work of this Committee in full-page advertisements in the newspapers having general

circulation in each of the Region's constituent Municipalities, under the headline "IT'S OUR OWN GARBAGE", and is to include this condition in full at the beginning of such advertisement."

## JOINT MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee was established to satisfy the above Condition. It was intended as a cooperative effort between the Region and Area Municipalities to promote the 3Rs and as a result, to minimize Halton's long term disposal requirements.

Under direction of the Joint Committee, the "Waste Management Initiatives for 1995" were updated. The initiatives contain the following programs:

- 1. Blue Box Recycling Program
- 2. School Waste Reduction Awareness Program
- 3. Special Environmental Events
- 4. Composting
- 5. Household Hazardous Waste Demonstration Project
- 6. Waste Audit and Workplan
- 7. Single Tier Waste Management
- 8. Volunteer Waste Management Speakers Program

The Joint Committee meetings are open to the public. Public input and participation in the developments of programs is encouraged.

MATERIALS  
DIVERTED  
THROUGH  
HALTON'S 1995  
DIVERSION  
PROGRAMS

### MATERIAL

Paper Products	14,500
Glass	4,650
Yard Waste	3,500
Cardboard	2,400
Steel/Aluminum Cans	1,500
Scrap Metal	450
Plastic Containers	400
Drywall	200
Tires	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,660</b>

### TONNES

14,500
4,650
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2,400
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450
400
200
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<b>27,660</b>

Total residential waste received in 1995 - 76,500 tonnes



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Halton's Centralized Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at the Landfill Site on Highway #25 in Milton and is open Monday to Saturday, 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. for the disposal of: paints, oils, lawn chemicals, etc.

In 1995, Halton collected 540,000 litres of household hazardous material, which was brought in by 14,400 vehicles.

## AMITY GOODWILL REUSE CENTRE

This Centre opened in the spring of 1994 and is located next to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Landfill Site and has the same opening hours. Materials accepted at the Centre include: toys, books, clothing, and small appliances. In 1995, 146 tonnes of material was diverted from the Landfill, which was brought in by 3,600 vehicles.

A Report describing compliance with all the Conditions of Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act is available for review. To obtain a copy of this report or if you have any comments or suggestions, please write to:

The Regional Municipality of Halton, Waste Management Services  
1151 Bronte Road, OAKVILLE  
Ontario, L6M 3L1

or call the Waste Management Information Line  
(905) 825-6000 ext. 6033

- Acton ..... 853-0501 ext. 6033
- Georgetown ..... 878-8113 ext. 6033
- Aldershot ..... 639-4540 ext. 6033
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