

All expansion should be abandoned permanently

If Council insists on proceeding in the teeth of opposition from the residents of Glen Abbey, Oakville and environs the following safeguards should be in place

- 1 A liaison committee should be set up funded by council to ensure citizens concerns are researched, attended to and followed up – this should cover run up to the project, overseeing of the project and 5-10 years follow-up. Council representatives and owners are not there long enough to ensure continuity (staff are). Costs could easily be \$1m to \$2m in the first years. It is not fair that a hostile populace be faced with publicly funded regional managers and professionals and have no resource base on which to depend.
- 2 The plant expansion size should be limited in capacity to take the flow of waste from the area bounded by 12 mile creek/16 mile creek and Dundas. I can see no compelling reason why Oakville should receive the sewage of Milton – if it is more expensive to process waste in Milton that should be reflected in their wastewater charges.
- 3 In my opinion – if council votes on this issue – should all the Oakville Councillors vote against it and the Town be opposed –the issue should not be voted on by non - Oakville Councillors – It is clearly not in their interests to vote against it.
- 4 Plant odours emissions should comply precisely with Provincial regulation and be detectable no closer than 30 metres from the offending plant – not the plant boundary – but the outlet/s producing the odours.
- 5 Region should be held accountable for exceeding the emissions contracted for and payments be made to all residents for nuisance on a pro rata basis \$/day in non – compliance – permanent payments also should form part of the package see item 6 below.
- 6 An agency should be created to monitor odours in Oakville - Independent of the province and region and would administer non compliance costs as in 5 above – regional managers and councillors feet must be kept to the fire over the next 50 years to ensure they live by their undertakings – **“Oakville Sewage Commission”**
- 7 No expansion should be permitted until the final technology is ascertained for the plant – It is hard to object to a plant using Zenon technology – but very easy to object to the current technology currently short –listed. The processing technology should be finalised before final permission is given for construction.
- 8 The region is clearly wedded to the location (as are its managers) to justify decisions made years ago.

- 9 The traffic of bio-solids and chlorine should be limited to the amount required to dispose of the amount of wastewater produced in the area bounded by item number 2 above.
- 10 Truck traffic should be limited to – access from QEW then Bronte Highway 25, then North Service Road.
- 11 Some more acceptable way of dealing with Bio-solids is required – again permission to be withheld until final disposal is decided.
- 12 Any variation from final agreed plans to be voted on by Citizen oversight body “Oakville Sewage Commission” see item 6 and if unacceptable to that body be voted on by Referendum in Oakville
- 13 Residents of Oakville should be permitted a referendum on this topic – this stuff goes to the heart of Oakville as a desirable community.
- 14 Consideration for other technologies - like expanding existing plants and using Zenon technology should be used in smaller plants north of Oakville should be used to cope with expanded wastewater in North Halton.

Basically the concerns are:

- Odour
- Visual blight
- Poor technology choices
- Traffic
- Chemicals, bio-solids and spills
- Disposing of other communities' waste – what is in it for us?
- Process research, monitoring and control – by citizens – paid and elected officials are not up to it.
- After decision monitoring and control – to ensure safeguards are adhered to and violations are monitored, compensated and remedied.