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Mid-Halton Master Plan

Joyce Savoline, Regional Chairman

Dear Chairman

Earlier today I took the time to send in further comments regarding the Mid-Halton Master Plan to which I expected the Region to answer my comments on an individual basis; not as a block comment in some report. If there has been a change in the Region's policy since this process started then I expect you to inform me accordingly; in the mean time I expect to receive a reply back an individual response to my questions from the region notwithstanding Mr. Ohashi's comments.

In line with your statement "And of course, we are accountable to you, the Halton community!"; I would draw you to the position that it could be considered that Halton Region's approach [together with the Town of Oakville (OPA198)] are directly working against the present residents best interests. It makes no economic sense to have growth that defiles the community and that such growth is not at least 100% totally fully self financing. While the results of a lack of growth would lead to a retention of undeveloped areas on the one hand, on the other hand it would also lead to house shortages and a corresponding increase in prices. Interesting concept. The expansion of the Mid-Halton Sewerage Plant will do nothing for the residents of the area in question, except apparently increase our taxes to

fund growth and increase the potential for unwanted odour as well as increasing the potential of more pollution on the beaches in the area.

In my opinion, what is needed is a moratorium on all future expansion growth until all aspects associated with such continued growth are fully understood. It appears that our elected representatives have allowed the Regional Staff to get us on a growth merry-go round that is out of control and apparently is not in the best benefits of the present area residents that our elected representatives should be working for. An interesting concept -- that elected representatives should owe no allegiance to possible future residents that do not reside here now.

In closing I would point out that the "privileged" statement added by the region at the bottom of their reply email in no way applies to my submission --- I have no objection to everyone in the Halton Region, the Town of Oakville, knowing my comments. It is unfortunate that the Region consider that such a statement is considered necessary to be inserted to communications in these circumstances. I presumed that this is to be an open process.

I look forward to receiving an individual response to my questions as related to my submission below for the Mid-Halton Master Plan.

I would add that while I am part of the tax-base for the region and the town, nevertheless when it comes to anything else I feel totally disenfranchised; and that is just not acceptable.

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> -----Original Message-----  
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> To: 'Roger Crowe'  
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> This is to acknowledge receipt of and to thank you for your comments on  
> the proposal to expand the mid-Halton sewage treatment plant. Your  
> comments will form part of the public record on this initiative and will

> be compiled, along with all the public comments, and presented in a staff report to the Planning and Public Works Committee and then to Regional Council on March 18th and 26th respectively.

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> Halton Region staff will be grouping comments by theme and will respond to the issues raised by the public in the staff report. The staff report, including the public comments will be posted on the Halton Region on Monday, March 17th.

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> Thank you again for taking the time to provide us with your input.

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> Dear Mr. David Ohashi.

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> I was at the meeting held on 5th February 2003 and unfortunately the more that I find out about the process the more disappointed I get, the more disenfranchised I feel.

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> Regional Staff made comments that submissions could be received after 7th February 2003; however only under questioning by Councillor Flynn was it

> admitted that "of course there would not be sufficient time to review such  
> submissions".  
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> The region purports to be concerned about the environment and committed  
to  
> safeguard the area in which we all live. However, all I heard from some  
council members that they consider that it is up to the objectors to prove  
> that the environment is being adversely impacted; and not the region  
to  
> prove that the environment is not being degraded by this massive  
increase  
> in sewerage treatment capacity and further expansion in the area.  
The  
> algae question, like second-hand smoke, will be more than likely  
proven  
in  
> due course, however until that time the region, like the ostrich,  
just  
> wants to bury its head in the sand.  
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> The facts as presented by the data presently released by regional  
staff  
> for the Mid-Halton Plant is :-  
> present usage is 21,498 m3/day  
> present plant capacity 50,000 m3/day ---- i.e. an increase of 233%  
above  
> present day usage  
> proposed plant expansion increased capacity 75,000 m3/day ---- i.e.  
> increase 350% more than present day usage  
> Ultimate plant expansion increased capacity 166,000 m3/day ---- i.e.  
> increase 772% more than present day usage  
> These are the facts as provided by the region, however not actually  
as  
> advertised by the region.  
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> Just like the slide presentation at the meeting on 5th February 2003  
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> present a slide of the plant as currently, present a slide of the  
> expansion up to 75,000 m3/day. But not a slide of the ultimate  
166,000  
> m3/day as that would not serve the region purpose, nor to portray the  
> intended impression.  
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> Regional staff have stated that expansion of the Mid-Halton plant is  
the  
> most cost effective way, when to stay expansion and future growth is  
the  
> most cost effective way for the present tax-base based upon the  
current  
> development levies being charged.  
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> However the most damaging situation that I heard was that regional  
staff

> are more worried about sending an adverse message about expansion in the  
> region to developers than to save guard the present residents welfare.  
> Welfare including, but not limited to environmental matters, adverse health matters due to potation, financial matters as continued growth appears not to be fully financing itself.  
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> Regional Staff did state that they do not grant future development permits  
> until such time as the infrastructure is approved. I am not quite sure  
> how that works as the expansion up to 75,000 m3/day is apparently required  
> for already issued permits (but I am sure that is an other story).  
> However, it is evident that the region wants the Sewerage Master Plan approved (for expansions up to 166,000 m3/day) so that they can continue  
> to approve growth based upon the fact that the region have an approved  
> plan in place. Continue the merry-go-round, continue on and on until  
> the region is paved from one end to the other. As stated by regional  
> staff to delay the process to give the residents more time to provide  
> comments (adverse comments I am sure) will cause delay in granting permits  
> for future growth. In my opinion, what is needed is a moratorium on  
all  
> future expansion growth until all aspects associated with such continued  
> growth are fully understood. I do not work for the developers and I  
> most surly do not consider that I should in any way pay any monies  
> whatsoever for them to undertake their developments. If such increased  
> development levies in order to cover 100% (or better) of such growth makes  
> growth too expensive to them, so be it. I have all levels of government  
> in all my pockets for funding, that such not also include growth by  
> others.  
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> I request responses from the region regarding the following:-  
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> (1) Provide a complete copy of the Odour study already prepared by the  
> regions consultant's --- a complete copy, not just selected pages.  
> (2) A complete copy of the proposed Sewerage Master Plan --- this was  
> previously carried on the regional website but appears to have been  
> removed.  
> (3) Layouts that show the Mid-Halton site layout for the 166,000 m3/day  
> capacity, based on present understandings.

> (4) Provide a complete copy of the Odour study parameters to be covered  
> as part of the next Odour study.  
> (5) Provide a complete schedule timetable applicable to the next Odour  
> study and when such study is intended to be started. (This should be  
> started now and cover summer months).  
> (6) Provide the regional staff's detailed written procedure for when  
> residents register complaints, including odour complaints.  
> (7) Conclusive backup data that supports the region's position that their  
> proposed expansions (plural) will not adversely affect the environment  
> including Lake Ontario (algae growth --- phosphorous implications).  
> (8) That continued expansion in the region will be 100% (or better)  
> totally covered by development levies. Including costs associated with  
> any upgrades in technology as required due to the increase in scale by  
> continued such increased growth.  
> (9) That the present increases in expansion up to 75,000 m3/day as  
> required by presently "sold-forward development" will be totally covered  
> by development levies associated with such requirements.  
> (10) What is the region's intended corrective action, if any, to provide  
> "barrier protection" to the golf courses abutting the Mid-Halton Sewerage  
> Plant.  
> (11) What is the region's intended action, if any, to increase the  
> "barrier protection" to the local residents.  
> (12) What proposals the region intends for review applicable to placing  
a  
> moratorium on all future expansion growth until all aspects associated  
> with such continued growth are fully understood.  
> (13) A copy of all other submissions made to the region and the reply  
> responses issued.  
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> I have also copied this email to Allan Elgar (Local and Regional  
> Councillor Ward 4 Oakville) and others.  
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> In closing I would add that a visit to the region's website home page  
> includes an opening address by a statement from the Regional Chairperson.  
> This statement ends with "And of course, we are accountable to you, the  
> Halton community!". I feel certain that when all the facts are known  
> by the people, including that we are paying in part for future growth and  
> that such growth is already causing environmental problems with the  
> corresponding lowering of our surrounding environment. I believe that  
> they will not be pleased, I for one am defiantly not pleased.  
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> I look forward to receiving a response in due course. A reply by  
return  
> email as to when I could expect a reply would be most appreciated.  
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> I consider it very important that I learn how I can obtain from the  
region  
> a copy of all other submissions made to them and the reply responses  
> issued. I presume that this is to be an open process.  
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