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Subject: Sewage Plant

PR-1359A/PR-1106B

Dear Councillor Elgar,

I live in Ward 4 and am writing to voice serious concerns about the proposed plan to expand the Sewage Treatment Plant on North Service Road.

Like many people directly affected by this expansion, I am unable to attend

Regional Council meetings about it because they are scheduled during the day when I have to be at my job in Hamilton.

In a nutshell, here are my main concerns and questions about the proposed

expansion:

(1) What is the justification for a 672% increase in the processing of sewage in Ward 4?

(2) What is the link between this proposed expansion and construction plans north of Dundas (OPA 198)?

(3) What percentage of my tax dollars is being channeled to support the sewage plant expansion?

(4) How will this expansion affect the already polluted environment Ward 4 residents live in? Does Council have this important air quality information?

We in Ward 4 already breathe, smell and taste the polluted air emanating from the existing plant and from the QEW. This is especially true in summer and when the winds blow off the lake. How much worse is our air going to be once the plant is expanded? I moved to Oakville from Scarborough where I lived about 1.5 km northwest of the Highland Creek sewage treatment plant. There were days (regularly) when the stench was truly foul. This is not captured or conveyed by measures reported in "averages". Residents need to know the daily range of values, how often they can be expected to occur over the annual cycle, and in what context (wind direction, temperature, humidity, etc.). Smells affect property values, as we discovered when we put our ravine-lot house in Scarborough up for sale. Little did I imagine that thirteen years later we'd be facing similar problems in Oakville.

(5) Does Council have information on the effects this expansion will have on our Lake Ontario shorelines?

Councillor Elgar, residents of Ward 4 need you to speak out forcefully for us on these issues, both at Oakville Town Council and at the Halton Regional meetings. The quality of life in our part of Glen Abbey -- and elsewhere in the Town -- is really deteriorating in the wake of Oakville sprawl.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.  
sincerely,

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