

"Linda Joakim"

<l.joakim@symp To:  
<ohashid@region.halton.on.ca>  
atico.ca> cc:  
<aelgar@town.oakville.on.ca>, "Kevin Flynn"  
<kflynn12@cogeco.ca>  
02/06/2003 Subject: Sewage Treatment  
Plant  
04:23 PM

I am a resident of Glen Abbey and have many concerns regarding the proposed expansion of the sewage treatment plant in our neighbourhood.

The public comment period must be extended as people are just beginning to find out about this issue.

Before Halton commits to expanding the mid-Halton plant I believe that other solutions to the treatment and operation of sewage must be considered because the phosphorous content of the discharge from the sewage plant encourages algae in Lake Ontario and therefore encourages smell from the lake. We believe that more studies must be done to learn about sewage by-products and algae growth in Lake Ontario before increasing the size of this plant.

Even though the sewage treatment plant expansion is the result of growth, development charges would not cover the millions of dollars required for the plant expansion. We understand that growth will raise taxes for residents by approx. 50% in the next 10-15 years. Why are development charges not covering the cost of this plant?

It is our understanding that the "odour" is not one of the criteria in the Environmental Assessment to be studied before the approval of this plan. Why not?

Milton should treat it's own sewage (the certainly have more undeveloped room). Why are Oakville residents being forced to take Milton's waste? If Miltons plant can't handle its communitys waste then why did Milton approve its growth plan? We believe a citizens committee should be formed to allow for further research and citizen participation in this decision process.  
Linda Joakim

