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Subject: Sewage Treatment Plan
Expansion

Mr. Ohashi,

My name is Ryan Bellamy. I am a resident of Oakville, and I am very concerned with the proposed expansion of the sewage treatment plant. I recently found out about this through a friend at work, and was further informed by the newspaper articles of the past couple of weeks. I also found out that the deadline for comment is February 7, 2003. Although I have just met this deadline, I believe there are many others like myself that are concerned with the sewage plant expansion, and they will not make this deadline. The deadline must be expanded. I also feel that the vast majority of the population of Oakville is unaware of the subject matter, and that you are taking comments on this. Therefore I feel it is essential that the town do more to inform the public of an expanded deadline (I believe the town has spent more money informing the public of the blue box changes). It almost seems as though the town wants the public sheltered from the information pertaining to the sewage plant expansion. The little information I have received has me concerned. I don't want to bore you with a long letter so I will try to keep this short and to the point. My issues with the sewage plant expansion are as follows:

1. The sewage plant expansion is to accommodate growth and will raise my taxes. This growth should be paid for by development charges.
2. The plant does not have sufficient "Buffers" between area residents and commercial establishments.
3. As I understand it the plant expansion will increase the amount of pollution entering Lake Ontario, because of the phosphorous content of the discharge from the sewage plant encourages algae growth. This in turn increasing the odour in the Lake. The lake smells bad enough as it is. We don't need to make it worse. Not only will the expansion stink up the Lake, what about the lands surrounding the plant? Odour is not one of the criteria in the environmental assessment, why not?
4. Why is the region not expanding the plant in Milton? If Milton is generating the waste I think the waste should be treated there.

5. Why is the preferred method of dealing with the resulting sludge to mix it with concrete waste? I read the concrete waste is considered hazardous. This plan will increase the number of trucks on our roads transporting hazardous waste.

6. What will be done with the concrete sludge mix?

7. What were the alternatives to the sewage expansion plan, and why were they not considered?

I believe a citizens' committee should be assembled to provide further participation on these issues and the decision process. I understand that after all of the comments are received a "consolidated response" is delivered to Council. I would like to receive a copy of the "consolidated response".

Thank You,

Ryan Bellamy