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I agree with the Oakville Beaver editorial stating that an extension is required for public comment. For whatever reasons, the public does not seem to have been sufficiently aware of the details of this initiative, and it is important that there is an additional opportunity for them to hear and understand the implications of this plan.

A important point of which the taxpaying public must be aware is the cost of this initiative on both the property tax bill and the water rates. I understand that this expansion will not be paid for by development charges yet, as the Commissioner of Public Works stated in the letters to the Beaver and Oakville Today, "The Mid-Halton Plant....does not drive growth; it responds to growth." This suggests that the current taxpaying public will foot the bill for this facility whether or not they can afford to.

I do not know enough about this subject to comment further at this time. However, I applaud Councillors Elgar and Flynn for sponsoring a forum to raise public awareness of this planned expansion. Furthermore, I believe the time has arrived when the Region of Halton will have to review its HUSP and rethink whether its taxpaying citizens can afford the planned growth.

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