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Allan Elgar;

It is apparent that the plan to expand the sewage treatment plant was made a long time ago in 1980 when regional council approved the property acquisition. Since that time it was always anticipated that this would service Halton well into the future. The current capacity is 50 000m³/day while its actual utilization is about 21 498 m³/day. The goal of this expansion is to increase the capacity to 75 000 m³/day. What is not clear is why do we need this extra capacity? However, if we know for certain that the OPA 198 goes as planned and development will begin as soon as the Ontario Municipal Board makes its ruling than obviously the sewage plant needs the extra capacity. Ultimately, the expansion of this facility will make it a necessity for development north of Dundas and areas of Milton. Expansion facilitates growth. The only way to pay for the 111.90 million dollar amount (Halton Master Plan) for the entire expansion to 166 529 m³/day is to increase and construct the tax base by building, building, and building. The expansion of this plant is about urban sprawl. Before phase 2 of this planning process is over counsellors have to decide if they want to continue with its current vision of growth, subdivision and strip malls. If the answer is yes which it will likely be, than please include the following suggestions into phase 2 prior to its approval by council;

- 1)The budget for this plan should include specific amounts of money for noise, dust, traffic, odour and algae control.
- 2)The budget should include amounts for accidents relating to trucking, chemicals, odours and spills.
- 3)A commitment to use alternative technologies like Zenon Environmental.
- 4)A neighbourhood liaison committee for the mid-Halton treatment plant.

Resistance is futile.
Robert Lofsky

