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> Subject: Sewage Treatment Plant
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> February 4, 2003
> Dear Councillors,
> I am writing to express my great concern over the expansion of the
> Mid-Halton Sewage Treatment Plant.
> I live in downtown Oakville on the lakeside and have noticed over the
> years the increased build-up of algae in the lake. Over the last
> few
> summers we reached the stage of having huge "patties" of algae
> floating
> on
> the lake and tons of it being thrown up onto our property and drying
> out
> in the sun. The appearance and the odours were atrocious.
> This in itself is worthy of concern, but the bigger picture of why
> this
> is
> occurring should be of far greater concern.
> I was interested to hear Dr. Harvey Shear and Mr. Murray Charlton
> speak
> at the Sewage Treatment Proposed Expansion/Algae Forum on January 29
> and
> to learn about some of the testing that is being done. At least a
> start
> has been made.
> However, I am horrified to think that, in the light of the knowledge
> to
> date, the Region is still prepared to increase the amount of
> phosphorous
> that will inevitably end up in our water system as a result of the
> expanded sewage plant.
> The fact that this plan for expansion has progressed so quickly and
> with
> so little opportunity for input from the local residents is also
> disturbing. It seems obvious that the increased level of odour,
> traffic, noise and risk of traffic accident will impact significantly
> on
> the local community. Conceivably this could result in health
> related

> issues, change in lifestyle and a drop in property values. Is this
what
> Ward 4 needs?
> In these days of enlightened environmental knowledge and sensitivity
I
> urge the Region to exercise vision in tackling this problem.
Perhaps
> Halton Region could be a leader in this work rather than a
contributor
to
> the ongoing breakdown of our environment.
> Yours truly
> Vicki Lydall