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Dear Ms. Savoline

Re:Â Â Letter in Oakville Beaver from the Region

There seems to be an inaccuracy within a letter from the Region printed on page A7 of the Beaver dated February 5, 2003, which might mislead some residents. Please explain the Region's objectives or intentions in

presenting this unfortunate passage.

For your convenience I reprint here the specific passage.

"At the final build-out date of 2031 the treatment plant is proposed to expand to 3.3 times its current capacity. Reports stating that the plant will expand by 400 ? 800 per cent are simply not correct"

At the meeting in the Region's offices during the morning of Wednesday, February 5, 2003, we all saw the Region's slide presentation which stated, and again I quote for your convenience: (the bolding is my own)

"Current Capacity: 50,000m3/day (All committed ? prepaid D.C.)
Current Utilization: 21,498m3/day (Average)
Next expansion: 25,000 m3/day
Ultimate capacity: 166,000 m3/day"

The average resident may reasonable assume that the phrase "its current capacity" equates to the plants current daily throughput. Whilst the specific passage is technically correct in its wording it is also deeply misleading to the average reader. When dealing with the public there needs to be a very careful differentiation between Current Capacity and Current Utilization.

Since public debate regarding the plant's expansion is likely to substantially increase in the next few months it behooves us all to ensure that all facts are very clearly defined.

I trust that there was no intent on the Region's part to mislead the public. A second letter to the Beaver that is less ambiguous may well be beneficial.

I look forward to receiving your explanation.

Yours truly

Richard Tamkin