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CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR
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Dear Mr. Mulkewich:

Re: Regional Municipality of Halton
Environmental Assessment of the Landfill Component of
Halton's Solid Waste Management System, Interim Plans

This will acknowledge your letter of September 27, 1983, with regard to our request to Halton Region that an interim plan be available at the Regional facility to allow Halton to continue to meet its obligations to provide landfill facilities.

It is our view that C.A.O. Report No. 219/83 to the Solid Waste Management Committee dated 1983 07 08 provides an excellent review and evaluation of the solid waste management options available to Halton during the interim period. We are also confident that the information with respect to developments since February 1983, as outlined in your letter, will be considered by Halton in their review of the available options. With regard to the desirability of an interim expansion of the Burlington Sanitary Landfill Site, we offer the following observations.

From our experience, the Burlington Sanitary Landfill Site is one that is well designed, well managed, well operated, and well maintained to current standards and incorporates an extensive leachate collection and treatment system, an advanced predictive monitoring program and provisions for the implementation and construction of backup contingency systems.

With the closure of the Oakville Sanitary Landfill Site, Burlington is the only regional facility currently in operation in Halton that can ensure the controlled management of Halton's waste in an acceptable environmental manner for the short term until a long range facility is in place. In this regard, Regional Council through its responsibility for waste management in the Region may conclude that the provision of additional approved capacity at the

Burlington site is desirable and indeed necessary to avoid a potential emergency situation with respect to waste disposal.

Central Region staff of the Ministry have made it clear to Halton Region that an application for a phased expansion of the landfill is required now. Landfilling could be terminated after completion of any given phase should the regional facility for solid waste management be brought on-line. The Ministry could not sanction plans to request approval of alterations to the Burlington site on an emergency basis and without a public hearing, as the need for such alterations is foreseen now.

It is the Ministry's opinion that a moderate landfill expansion in Burlington as opposed to setting up a transfer station at the same site and hauling to New York State is a practical short-term solution to Halton's very critical solid waste disposal problem. However, I must emphasize that the best forum in which to determine an equitable review of the short-term disposal options is at a public hearing. This forum could be held at an expansion hearing for the Burlington Landfill Site. For this reason the Ministry of the Environment is requesting the Region to submit its proposed plans for the Burlington short-term phased expansion. It will be the responsibility of the Environmental Assessment Board to make a recommendation to the Approvals Director once it has determined the technical merits and public response to the Burlington expansion application.

With reference to your question on the Energy from Waste alternative, the Ministry of the Environment does not provide funds directly for the planning of these projects; however, the Ministry of Energy does. In this regard, Mr. Robert Duff is a member of the Steering Committee which has been established to investigate this option in Halton. Mr. Duff would be prepared to discuss the details with you and can be reached at 965-8426 in the Ministry of Energy, Biomass/Energy From Waste Section, 10th Floor, 56 Wellesley Street W., Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2B7.

Yours very truly,

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