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Mr. Walter Mulkewich
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Dear Mr. Mulkewich:

Re: Environmental Assessment of the Landfill Component
of Halton Solid Waste Management Systems
Interim Plans

I was pleased to meet with you on Tuesday, November 8, 1983, to discuss your letter to me of October 12, 1983.

We agreed in our meeting on a number of points that you have raised with me, primarily on the issue of interim options that the Regional Municipality is to identify for the Ministry's consideration in advance of the completion of the environmental assessment process for the landfill component. This process will not be completed on a schedule that would permit the Regional Municipality to continue landfilling of its wastes without choosing some options to look after those wastes before the new facilities are in place. Options available, as identified so far, include export of the wastes outside of Regional boundaries and/or some expansions at the Burlington facilities, now reaching capacity, or a combination of both.

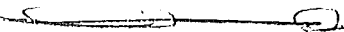
With the above in mind, it is necessary for the Regional Municipality, which has the responsibility for waste management, to plan interim works and not wait until the landfill capacity is used up, such that an emergency situation is not created. Since we know well in advance that an emergency situation is likely to occur, proper planning to prevent an emergency is a necessity.

This letter, as agreed, is intended to clarify the Ministry's position with respect to how it will deal with the options which the Regional Municipality, under its responsibility, must identify.

Whatever option is selected by the Regional Municipality will be looked on by the Ministry from a technical and regulatory aspect applicable to that option:

In summary, and without going into details of our lengthy discussion, I want to emphasize that the Ministry will deal with the Regional Municipality on the matter of its preferred option on the understanding that: it is the Regional Council's responsibility to look after waste management within the Region; the Regional Municipality must select its interim plans to satisfy the waste needs in the Regional Municipality during the time that the environmental assessment process for the selection of a new landfill site to look after the solid waste component is underway and until such time as that new site is selected and approved.

Yours very truly,


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