

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

MEETING NO. 14-83

NAME OF SUB-COMMITTEE:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

DATE OF MEETING:

Monday, October 24, 1983
9:00 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING:

Committee Room No. 1
Regional Administration Bldg.
Oakville, Ontario

Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee:

The Solid Waste Management Sub-Committee met on the above date and recommends as follows:

Main item = Agenda #8 (Export vs. landfill only), p. 4-7

1. Report No. C.A.O. #321/83

Re: Progress on the Halton Exploration of Energy
from Waste Project

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT C.A.O. Report No. 321/83 re:
Report on the Progress on the Halton
Exploration of Energy from Waste Project
be received.

* 2. Report No. C. #11/83

Re: Leachate Monitoring Program and Leachate
Concerns, Burlington Sanitary Landfill Site

RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 THAT staff report back on the program
necessary to obtain a more complete
chemical analysis of leachate entering
the sewage system.

* 2.2 THAT the Regional Treasurer in consultation
with the Director of Public Works and C.A.O.
present options during the 1984 budget pro-
cess, if at all possible, on variations for
the Solid Waste Management Budget which
would indicate the costs of leachate disposal,
treatment, as well as a contribution towards
the perpetual care.

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3. Report No. P.W. #209/83

Re: Source Separation in Halton, Our File PR-589-6

RECOMMENDATION:

- ✓ 3.1 THAT the April 1, 1981 ban on old newsprint called for in Regional By-Law No. 115/81, be further deferred for municipal curbside collection of newsprint from the Town of Milton for a period of five (5) months from November 1, 1983 to April 1, 1984, at which time it will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Management Committee.
- ✓ 3.2 THAT the Towns of Oakville and Milton be requested to consider a financing scheme similar to the Burlington scheme to help finance the Source Separation Program.
- ✓ 3.3 THAT staff report back to the Solid Waste Management Committee on a possible Regional Disposal Credit Scheme based on the savings related to the quantities of waste diverted from the Regional Disposal program by the Source Separation Program.
- ✓ 3.4 THAT the Ministry of the Environment be requested to provide ongoing subsidy to Source Separation Programs to ensure their continuance in the same manner as other essential municipal services are subsidized on an ongoing basis like health, social services, roads, etc.

4. Report No. P.W. #213/83

Re: Co-Ordinated Response to the Blueprint for Waste Management in Ontario

RECOMMENDATION:

- ✓ THAT the Co-ordinated Response for Waste Management in Ontario revised as per the meeting of September 15, 1983, and as per the City of Burlington report CAO. #75/83 dated October 18, 1983, be adopted

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and submitted to the Hearing Panel of the Ministry of the Environment for discussion at their meeting of October 28, 1983.

5. Report No. P.W. #212/83

Re: University of Waterloo Research Project by
Dr. John Cherry on the Closed Bayview
Landfill Site I, the City of Burlington

RECOMMENDATION:

✓ THAT the draft research report dated August 9, 1983 entitled "A Cartridge and Syringe Method for Down-Hole Sampling for Trace Organic Compounds in Ground water" prepared by the University of Waterloo and the Oregon Graduate Centre, and Dr. Cherry's letter reports dated July 4, and October 12, 1983, all with respect to the closed Bayview Landfill Site in the City of Burlington, be received for information.

* 6. Report No. D.P.D. #208/83

Re: Final Report on Stage 2A General Overview Analysis of the Landfill Component Environmental Assessment Study, Report on Submissions received on the Draft Report Stage 2A and Stage 2B work Program - Selection of Candidate Sites

RECOMMENDATION:

✓ 6.1 THAT the Final Report on the Landfill Component Environmental Assessment Stage 2A General Overview Analysis, October 1983, be adopted and circulated to the Environmental Assessment Mailing List for information; and

6.2 THAT the report on Submissions on the Draft Stage 2A General Overview Analysis Report, September 1983, be received and circulated to the Environmental Assessment Mailing List; and

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✓ * 6.3 THAT the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement with Walker, Wright, Young Associates Ltd. to undertake the Landfill Component Environmental Assessment Stage 2B Study - Selection of Candidate Sites as described in the Stage 2B Work Program and at an upset limit of \$119,315. plus information centre costs; and

✓ 6.4 THAT the Stage 2B Work Program be circulated to the Environmental Assessment mailing list for information.

7. Report No. FIN. #136/83

Re: 1984 Operating and Capital Budget for Solid Waste Management

RECOMMENDATION:

✓ THAT the 1984 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Solid Waste Management function, as presented in Report FIN. #136/83, be approved either on the basis of 100% landfill or 75% export/25% landfill, based upon the recommendations of the Interim Waste Disposal Plan as contained in Report C.A.O. #319/83.

8. Report No. C.A.O. #319/83

→ Re: Region of Halton - Proposed 1983 Interim Waste Disposal Plan (4 years) - June, 1984 - June, 1988

RECOMMENDATION:

1.1 THAT, provided no tribunal hearing(s) are necessary in order to obtain the necessary approvals to put the "Continuation" portion of the plan in place, Option One, i.e. the "Continuation Option" as set out in C.A.O. Report #319/83, be approved as the Interim Waste Disposal Plan.

Option I

Misnomer: Really "Expansion" !

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1.2 THAT the Regional Chairman be requested to write to the Minister of the Environment, Andy Brandt, requesting that since tribunal hearing(s) are likely for the long-term landfill component of the Region of Halton, that tribunal hearing(s) for the proposed Interim Landfill Component, i.e. the continuation of landfilling at the existing Burlington landfill site be waived by the granting of the appropriate exemption (X) under The Environmental Assessment Act and on the basis of urgency under The Environmental Protection Act, at least until the tribunal hearing(s) for the long-term landfill component commences.

(^{"expansion"})

(Option II)

1.3 THAT should the Minister of the Environment give a negative response to Regional Council's request under 1.2 above, or should no response be received by December 9th, 1983, then Option Two below, i.e. the "Export Option" shall be implemented.

1.4 (X) THAT should the Minister of the Environment give a positive response to Regional Council's request under 1.2 above by December 9th, 1983, then Regional Staff and Consultants are directed to take the necessary action to obtain the necessary approvals so that Option One for the Interim Waste Disposal Plan above can be implemented.

(landfill expansion)
ONLY

2.1 (X) THAT should the Minister of the Environment determine not to recommend the necessary exemption and/or waive the otherwise necessary tribunal hearing(s) by December 9th, or not to respond at all by December 9th, then Option Two i.e. the "Export Option" is hereby approved as the Interim Waste Disposal Option strictly on an interim basis only.

2.2 THAT the resolution set out in Schedule "A" to C.A.O. Report #319/83 is hereby expressly adopted as the intention of this Council regarding any approval and implementation of the "Export Option".

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- 2.3 (✓) THAT the financing of this "Export Option" be on the basis of a blended Regional tippage fee, being payable at each of the disposal site(s) in Halton, including the Halton Hills Transfer Station and the existing Burlington Landfill Site of \$17.50 per metric tonne, with the remainder of the cost, including the remainder of the cost of the Halton Solid Waste Management Program, being financed by way of the municipal tax bill, preferably as a special Regional Waste Disposal Charge, if possible.

Update
incl. all costs
(See agenda #2)

- 2.4 (✓) THAT Regional Staff be instructed to finalize the negotiations with the consortium of Browning-Ferris and Robran Construction Limited, with agreements being satisfactory to the Director of Public Works, the Regional Solicitor, and the Regional Treasurer, based on their letters of June 17th, 1983 and September 28th, 1983.

- 2.5 (✓) THAT Regional Staff and Consultants are instructed to take the necessary action to obtain the necessary approvals so that Option Two for the Interim Waste Disposal Plan can be implemented.

- 3.1 (1) (2) THAT the City of Burlington, the neighbours to the landfill site, the Burlington West Ratepayers Association, all be approached to obtain their agreement that if the Export Option is chosen by Regional Council, that they will not object to the placement of an open air transfer station at the Burlington Landfill Site to handle the Export Option and further that they will not object to the continuation of land-filling at the existing Burlington Landfill Site on a phased basis provided that only so many of the phases will be used as is necessary to supplement the Export Option (pending the commencement of operation of the long-term landfill component).

(No choice made available All
course of action is predetermined!)

"expansion"!

To be limited

to phase A & B ONLY

uncertain!

Cap'y & time schedule require 100% export after filling phases A & B (135,000 tonne)
after approx. 3 yrs.

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4. THAT the Royal Botanical Gardens and the City of Burlington be approached regarding the possibility of an experimental program to reforest part or all of the existing Burlington Landfill Site with Staff to report back on the results of those discussions.

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COMMITTEE NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. Miller (in the Chair);
A. Mulvale, W. Johnson, W.
Mulkewich, Regional Chairman
J.N. Raftis (left at 11:25 a.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:

R. Forbes

STAFF PRESENT:

D.Y. Perlin, R. Mohammed,
P. Attack, G. Woodburn,
J. Rinaldo, D. Birkett, S. Lathan

- There being no disclosures of conflict of interest, the regular order of business was proceeded with.
- Dorothy Pocock representing Ward 1 Rate Payers Association addressed Committee and expressed the concerns of the Association with respect to C.A.O. Report No. 319/83 re: Region of Halton - Proposed 1983 Interim Waste Disposal Plan
- Mr. Hans Kreplin addressed Committee and commented on each item appearing on the agenda.
- Mr. Sid Chumley representing the Ward 1 Rate Payers Association expressed the concerns of the Association regarding the landfill dumps in the Ward 1 area.
- Mr. James Aitkin addressed the Committee and expressed his concerns with respect to C.A.O. Report No. 319/83 re: Region of Halton - Proposed 1983 Interim Waste Disposal Plan

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- Dr. Chris Walker made a brief presentation with respect to his concerns on the Interim Waste Disposal Plan.
- Mr. R. Elstone, a resident in the area of the Regional land fill site, expressed concern with respect to the type of garbage being dumped and the possibility of recycling some of this refuse. Committee requested that a report be prepared by staff addressing the points raised by Mr. Elstone and a survey of the landfill site to determine the type of refuse being dumped.
- Mr. R.C. Dickin, Senior Hydrogeologist with Gartner Lee Associates Limited, gave a brief explanation with respect to Report No. C-11/83 re: Leachate Monitoring Program and Leachate Concerns, Burlington Sanitary Landfill Site.
- Mr. Peter Walker of Walker, Wright, Young, appeared before the Committee and gave a brief summary of the major changes with respect to Phase 2, Stage 2A Environmental Assessment of the Landfill Component of Halton's Solid Waste Management System Report and answered questions of the Committee.
- Item #6 - Councillor Mulkewich requested staff to prepare a report outlining the costs involved with respect to the overall preparation of the Interim Waste Disposal Plan.
- Messrs. Rinaldo, Birkett and Woodburn gave an overview with respect to Report No. FIN 136/83 re: 1984 Operating and Capital Budget for Solid Waste Management and answered questions of the Committee members. Councillor Mulkewich requested that a report be prepared on the detailed workings of the Budget.
- At the request of Councillor Mulkewich, please find attached copies of the presentations made by the delegations at the Committee meeting.
- Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.

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Monday October 24, 1983

Delegate: Sid Chumlay

Submissions to the Region of Haltons proposed 1983 interim waste disposal plans.

I have been asked by a number of people from various parts of the Region (including a M.L.A.) what was all our concerns about in Ward 1.

I will give a brief rundown of what has been happening in Ward 1 in reference to the garbage situation in the last ten years. This is necessary in order to arrive at my presentation to be made today Monday Oct. 24, 1983.

1. Two illegal dumps started by two small companies in the westerly end of Ward 1 in order to expand their properties. This was illegal and in conflict with the Ontario garbage act at that time. After one month's struggle these two garbage dumps were closed by order of the City of Burlington.
2. In 1970 the East Flamborough garbage dump, that was inherited by the City of Burlington and is now known as Layview Park, was closed late in 1970 as its capacity had run out.
3. The present landfill site operated by the Region is working on its third expansion and is now in the process of being expanded a fourth time.
4. In 1981 the Region had endeavored to locate three Sewer Sludge Lagoons in order to accommodate all the sludge from the six region sewage treatment plants less than one half mile from the residential area. This was resolved on a five year temporary basis.

With the listing of these items above surely it must be realized that we are well on the road to creating a depressed area in Ward 1, which will create a very serious downturn in our property values.

I would like to refer you to the Blueprint Waste Managements (R4) that reads as follows; "Our disposal practices must ensure that no waste ever becomes a threat to either our environment or our well being".

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In reference to site A in its present condition; on the surface it looks to be a reasonably well operated landfill site, but below the surface Site A is very sick. The reports of Gartner Lee Associates, Hydrogeologist, are so full of holes that I would have to find them as a health report unacceptable.

The residents of Ward 1 did not create this problem, they only contributed garbage.

I would like to stress at this time to the Administration and the Regions Mayors and Councillors to:

1. Leave your political desires to one side also in voting for your communities and Wards.
2. To stand up and be counted as leaders and use your energies and knowledge in a progressive way to settle this problem for the benefit of the Region as a whole and keeping in mind there are other generations to follow.

.Chairman of Solid Waste Management
Committee
West Burlington Rate Payers
Association

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HANS KRETHIN

1. Take regional view: local view doesn't work (Site F)
2. My subject is item 8 of agenda:
(I "Continuation" vs. II Export)
= Expansion

But first, the other agenda items related to that:

Ag. 1. I welcome the start of the EFW limboing phase although the program should be made more attractive and remain open to late entries.

Ag. 2 The landfill's leachate burdens the sewage treatment, and some of the chemicals must pass through to the Bay and the Lake.

No doubt, this needs following up as recommended. Also of great concern to us is the underground leachate migration that must exist but has so far not been followed up: Gortner Lee Assoc is show it in their Apr. '81 report (Fig. 3, Section) but left it in doubt later. This plume could well surface later in the residential area, and its toxicity has not been investigated.

Ag. 3, Source Separation: Every bit of progress is welcome, and we support it, as recommended.

Ag. 4 The "coordinated response" to the MoE's Blueprint for Waste Mgt. is excellent (if long): Give it your support!

Ag. 5 Dr. Cherry's work on tracing leachate plumes is exemplary and should be applied to the Site A plume: It may well have reached the Hwy 403 by now, according to the first Gortner Lee report and an estimated migration at 25 m/yr.

(Ag. 5, cont'd)

That is urgent to find out, incl. its undetermined toxicity (dioxin, PCB's, mutagens), because the difficulty and cost of intercepting it is enormous and gets greater the more the plume advances.

Note that the Blueprint for Waste Mgt. is clear in planning a program of full aftercare and damage control.

Ag. 6 The EA search for new landfill sites is progressing, and we support that, although we hope little will actually be needed, in the interest of all of us.

Ag. 7 The budget projections for the two options of the latest Interior Waste Disposal Plan (Ag. 8) are incomplete in my view and ought to be amended: It does not show the full cost of landfill, such as the earlier item (Ag. 2) on sewage treatment and underground leachate control.

Note again the MoE's "Blueprint" calling for "full costing".

For Region's SWM Comm. Oct. 24.

(3)

To begin, I want to urge you to adopt a regional viewpoint. Without that, the problems only get worse, as the "Site F" affair has shown & take that viewpoint and you should as well.

This ~~the~~ subject is item 8 of the agenda, "Continuation" (which is really "expansion") of the Burlington landfill, OR the "75% export of waste" option.

Time lets me cover only two items:

- ① The bad legacy an expanded Burlington site leaves,
- ② and the cost comparison which we must weigh.

① The landfill legacy is already shaping up as a large liability for the future, and expansion will make it so much worse:

1. It does not conform to the criteria of the EA process by Walker, Wright Young

- within 800m of the residential area, and it could get within 400m of the escarpment brow.

- it lies on fractured rock that conducts leachate moderately well and absorbs little.

2. The inevitable underground leachate migration may well have reached the QEW by now and could well surface in the residential area before reaching the Bay and Lake later.

(Fig. 3) The 1981 report by Gortner Lee shows the earlier

- plume. At 25 m/yr. it may be at the Hwy 403 now.
3. All signs are that leachate is forced into the ground by the hydraulic pressure in the lower part of this landfill. It stretches a long way uphill; extending it further uphill and topping it up will both increase that pressure. Therefore, expanding this landfill makes the future problem so much worse in two ways, by the added pressure and by the added volume of waste decomposing into leachate.
 4. But we don't know where the leachate plume is (Gartner Lee can't say and have stopped analyzing for the only tracer they had, Plaucal); we don't know how toxic that plume might be e.g. from dioxins, PCB's or mutagens (no tests were made in all the time this landfill exists). Yet, you are asked to approve that expansion. To me, there must first be proof of its safety. You are told at the start of your report under "319/83) Essence of Recommendation" that "the 'Continuation Option' can be done without dangerous or significant increase in the environmental impact already existing..." But if we don't know how safe it is now, how do we know it will be safe after we added to that danger?
 5. In my view, the expansion of the Burlington landfill remains a serious environmental threat, only larger.

② The record of any items are the costs:

Any main component or costs in that the comparison of the options is provided because to date the quality of the costs are not all-inclusive:

- Take the near cost of all efforts to get a site.
- Take the required aftercare of a site.
- Take the perpetual care after that

• Take the damages from locates for residences in the future, and/or the enormous cost of intercepting locate migration

- Or take item 2 on today's agenda, i.e.

The cost of treating locate at the average plant

These are items that should be costed out as well,

and the MOE's "Blueprint for Waste Mgt." calls for

exactly that to make comparisons straightforward.

How much then are we about to pay, but if added, they

must make the comparison less provided.

③

On balance, the more I have looked at Landfill, generally and the site in particular, the less I am

assured of the low cost option being a wise or safe

hazard for all of us unless we now live.

Consequently, I ask you to reject Option I, the

so-called "mitigation", and not a straight course for

Option II, the export. You can save much effort and

time. Or would you go through a repeat of the "Site F" effort?

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The term should be 5 years, not 3, as the City of Burlington has recommended.
And there is still the petition of April, this year, where 3341 signatures say "NO" to any more landfill at the Burlington Site. The answer is loud and clear; on the choice between the options presented.

To close, I would like to quote the MoE:

- (1) from "Blueprint for Waste Mgt." - 4 principles; one is
"Our disposal practices must ensure that no waste ever becomes a threat to either our environment or our wellbeing"
- (2) In MoE pamphlet:
"who cares about the land? - We do!"

D. Poire
83/10/24

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the SWMC:

I would like to direct my comments today to the CAO REport 319/83 which is before you this morning.

Although I did not have the opportunity to completely cover the report due to time restraints, I did find the report productive and felt that it was realistic in its attitude regarding the problem facing the REgion at present.

NP  My first comment is with regard to the change in wording regarding the site to that of continuation. ^{I date issue 2 m P. 2} This is not the case - the site is due to close at what is considered to be its maximum capacity. Any changes must be considered an expansion.


~~Any attempt to bypass the hearing process~~

NP. ^{one point} the suggestion ^{has been} made that the Region approach the MOE in order that a hearing "be waived by granting of the appropriate exemption under the EAA and on the basis of urgency under the EPA"

If the province has waived an environmental hearing for transfer stations in order to take advantage of the export option, this changes the picture because then the Region cannot claim this is an emergency, rather they have ~~a choice of~~ two options.

Even if the province accepted the premise that this was an emergency, there has already been prior warning that "it still requires approval and a hearing under Section 30(1) of the EPA" and "as you must appreciate we cannot sanction any plans to request approval of modifications to the site on an emergency basis if the need is documented now" quoted from MOE letters 83/3/25 and ^{again} 83/10/3. Any attempt to bypass the hearing process



be fought on the basis that if the province is serious about its

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commitment ^{to} through its Blueprint for Waste Management, and therefore must live

NP up to it by proceeding ^{with} the a hearing. ⁽²⁾ if it is their environmental policy to hold hearings they should do so; provide the opponents to such expansion with the opportunity. The report states that the cost in money and delay could have serious effects

not only on the interim proposal but also on the long term landfill component.

- this is certainly true ^{in the short term} - if the 75-25 export option had been put into effect

by this time, we would have had the use of the present landfill site for at

least another 3 years - without any hearing necessary - and daily we are

losing that advantage.

~~The report is flawed if one is looking at a possible 300,000 ton expansion~~
~~to make a small step - the region just cannot afford that~~

NP ~~Probably the major objection to the export option is cost - certainly this is NB~~

to the region, to the municipalities and certainly to ^{we} the taxpayers and users

of the landfill site. We are now paying the price for years of delays - but

I think we must face ^{it} that higher costs for disposal of solid waste are an ^{other regions} indication of things to come. ^{communities are coming to the same point as Halifax} It will certainly create an even greater emphasis ^{the price}

on the search for a viable EFW plant and at the same time could also bring

about more innovative ideas regarding recycling - recycling asphalt, for

instance, has proven to be a boon to municipalities - not only saving money

but cutting down on landfill space. ^{In other words, change is everywhere}

^{we have to adjust} - ~~just as we have to adjust to the other side~~

NP The report raised an NB point - that of getting on with the long term plan - ^{our} ~~efforts can be increased~~ ^{region} toward the major task of the moment. Too long this

Region has been torn apart by the individual desires of its municipalities -

and our community is a good example of ^{one that is being the best of the} how the NIMBY syndrome ^{EXACTLY opposite} result in ^{on one hand,} on one hand,

a community fighting ^{against a site on} for an environmental assessment ^{for it} in its own area, pushed ^{on the other hand} for expansion in another ^{ignoring their} ~~in spite of~~ continued environmental ^{issues in that area} controversy.

I feel that the citizens have become weary of all this, ^{I agree to what is in the report} and ^{to end confrontation}

~~and we must not~~ The time has come for the region to stop putting its ^{make use of the export option} eggs all in one basket, and get on with a long term plan for solid waste disposal.

I JAMES AITKIN

Chairman - Members of committee

My Name is Mr James Aitkin
~~a neighbor to the existing Alderbrook
landfill site~~

I would like to once again
point out ~~to~~ my position as
a neighbor to the existing Alderbrook
landfill site.

I am prepared to bend in order
to prevent a crisis situation
and not oppose the expansion
into phase A & possibly B as
long as a program of 759.4
to Occidental Chemical ~~is~~ is
started in 1984.

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It is further documented on
Page #16 of CAO staff
report #2 Dated Oct 2, 1988.

I am strongly against any
consideration of L.P. or DO
proposals & will pursue
all avenues to prevent
their implementation.

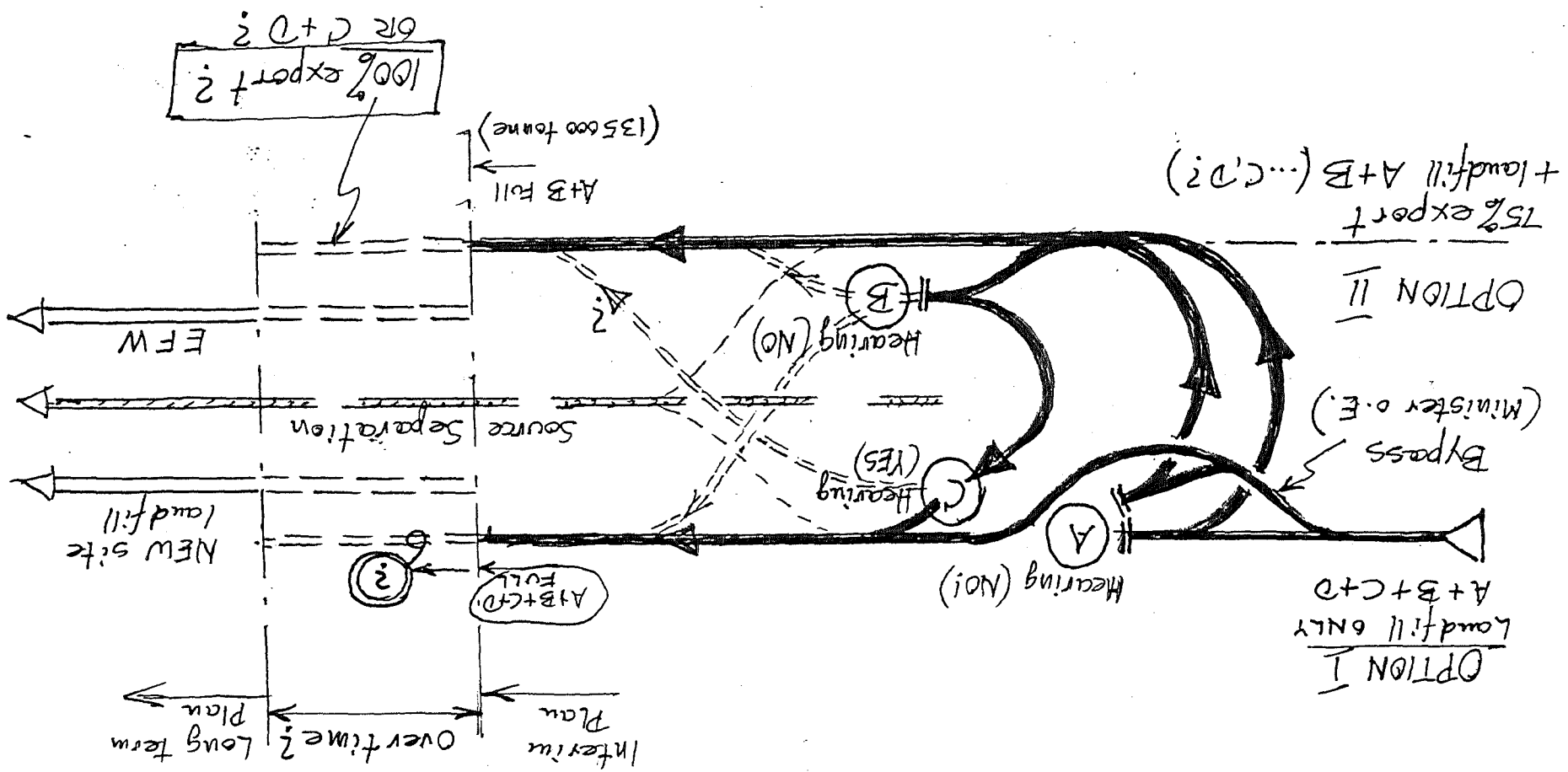
We must not find ourselves
in the same mess we are in
today in 1988.

A program of 75% of
accidental chemical LD must
be started in 1988.

- Thank You -

James H. Wilkin

II
 Interim SWM Plan
 CAO Report 319/83
 H.K. Nov. 4, '83
 W.B.C.G. SWMC



Regional Council Meeting November 9, 1983

Recommendation of Report CAO #319/83 - Comments of "Delegate"

A. The first comments to be made on the recommendation of CAO report #319/83 are:

1. It is incorrect ~~in~~^{to} calling the expansion a "continuation" of the landfill: The difference is that the expansion goes beyond the existing limits of approvals and site engineering.
2. The report contradicts itself by:
 - (a) setting out courses of action for all eventualities, but then (b) in par. 3.1 says: "If the Export Option is chosen by Regional Council..." The point is that this report does not ask Council to choose either Option, but recommends a plan dealing with both.
3. In par. 1.2, by asking the Minister of Environment to waive tribunal hearings for landfill expansion, it seeks to do away with due process, which is not acceptable.
4. The recommended actions are premature since the Region did not seek a solution that is technically feasible and acceptable to all parties. We believe such a solution is available; we have volunteered such a solution, but the report sets out to force the issue, instead.

B. The following comments are on the substance of the recommendation and what that substance implies:

1. As mentioned, compromise is possible, but the report takes a confrontational stance.
2. You are asked to approve a complex plan of responses that are predetermined to cover many eventualities, instead of asking Council to choose an action or policy. When you analyze the implications of that feature, you find:
 - A) Approval becomes a decision to avoid making the necessary decisions as and when they arise, as it should be done.
 - B) This Council will have no further say in the course of events: All responses are predetermined, whether they remain appropriate or not in the light of new turns of events: You are losing control and you are abrogating your responsibilities.
 - C) Instead, actual decisions will be determined by staff and other interested parties (except the Regional Council) such as:
 - MOE staff
 - City of Burlington
 - West Burlington Citizens
 - Other Municipalities
 - Other Citizen Groups

You may later be able to blame others for the outcome but you may not like the results either - and wonder.

- D) This plan would also tend to set different parts of the region against each other, which is not a responsible action to take by the Regional Council: Surely, the Region should act so as to unify its parts. Some may argue that the Region cannot live up to the unifying concept, saying "I told you so".

So much for what is implied if you accept a plan of predetermined courses of action by the Region.

3. This hasty plan will probably miss the quick solution it is intended to provide. Chances are that it gets tangled in opposition where it failed to consult first.
4. The attempt to deny and/or delay until after the fact any hearings to which the public is entitled has possibly the most serious implication: It follows that someone decided that the democratic process is too bothersome and should be set aside. None of us can afford to agree with that thinking.

C. Our answer and proposal towards a solution is this:

1. That the CAO report 319/83 be rejected by Council and be revised to include:
- a) a more constructive approach, and
 - b) a recommended compromise solution, after consultations.
2. If you don't turn back that report for improving it, then the Option I should be rejected by you as it clearly clashes with earlier responses: The petition, our Citizen Group and the Region's public meeting in Aldershot have left no doubt about overwhelming opposition to that plan of action, and the City of Burlington concurs.

3. As we indicated before the SWM and PPW Committees and can now state with the endorsement of the Citizen Group's executive, a compromise is within reach: We propose to accept without causing a public hearing:

- a) operation of a transfer station at the landfill site for the purpose of exporting 75% or more of the waste; and
- b) the expansion of the landfill site through Phases A and B only, their total being ca. 135000 tonne expansion.

We propose that the Region accept and commit itself in return, without causing a public hearing: that the landfill site be expanded no farther than the same Phases A and B beyond the presently approved limits of the site, where $A + B \approx \text{ca.} 135000$ tonne.

We sincerely hope and believe that this proposal will meet the needs of all parties.

We also believe that this is the full extent of concessions the majority of citizens in West Burlington will accept in recognition of the Region's problems. Should this compromise be rejected by the Region, we are obliged to continue opposing any expansion of that landfill site.

D. To sum up, the main points were:

(A) The recommendation of CAO 319/83 contains parts that:

- o are incorrect
- o are contradictory
- o seek to circumvent due process
- o are premature

D. (Cont'd)

(B) The substance of the report is one of confrontation, and it implies:

- o avoiding the normal decision making
- o bypassing Council regarding future courses of action
- o passing future decision-making to others than Council
- o contributing to disunity among component parts of the Region

(C) Our response to the CA0 report 319/83 is:

- o we ask you to reject the report in order to improve it
- o failing rejection, we ask that you eliminate Option I from the report
- o we propose a compromise that we believe is a fair and fast way to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution without unnecessary confrontation.

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