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MOECC Investigation of Waste Street Sweepings

HALTON HILLS, ON – The Town of Halton Hills was made aware about a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) investigation into the illegal disposal of waste street sweepings at various sites including six in the rural area of Halton Hills. Based on MOECC documentation, the waste sweepings originated from the City of Mississauga.

The investigation has led to a Director's Order, (issued by the MOECC) dated November 30, 2016 that outlines a number of actions including assessment of all identified properties. A copy of the Director's Order can be found at:

http://www.downloads.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/er/documents/2016/012-7672_Final%20Order.pdf

The Town of Halton Hills will continue to monitor the enforcement of the order by the MOECC and provide updates as they become available.

For additional information, contact the MOECC at 905-319-8292.

For health-related questions, contact Halton Region Health Department at 905-825-6000 or toll-free at 1-866-442-5866.

Owners of properties located in conservation-regulated areas and/or the Niagara Escarpment must abide by specific regulatory conditions in order to receive fill. In Halton Hills, properties that are not affected by these conditions must obtain a site alteration permit from the municipality in order to import fill. The permit requires fill material to meet regulatory standards (through sample testing) as set out by the MOECC. The municipality did not issue any site alteration permits for any of the properties in question and at least four of the properties have some land that is subject to the authority of the Grand River Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation or Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Note: the Town of Halton Hills does its own street sweeping and follows environmental practices to screen and dispose of debris appropriately; sand is re-used.

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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