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## Burton uncovers Marshall's

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*Halton CAO Candidate - Brian Burton Media release:* Stop the secret plan to burn Toronto's garbage in the heart of Halton  
Halton shouldn't be turned into a key waste incinerator for the entire GTA  
and beyond

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**Halton Region:** Regional officials have been burying their plan to build the largest energy from waste plant in North America - right in the heart of Halton on Regional Road 25.

The Toronto Star, on August 24, 2006, referred to Halton burning 70 per cent of Toronto's garbage. That story has been denied by Mr. Marshall at various All Candidates meetings. However, according to Region of Halton Report No.: CA-41-06, signed by Marshall himself (as former CAO), the actual intent is to incinerate 25 per cent of solid waste from the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area.\*

The capacity required to take this amount of garbage is 4.5 times as large as needed for Halton's waste alone. This means there will be 240 trucks a day, full of Toronto's garbage, heading up Bronte Road to south Milton.

The cost of this project to Halton tax payers is estimated at \$700 million. Since government projects almost always cost more than budgeted, total costs could be considerably higher. The debt taken on for this project and the \$127 million for a new Regional Hall will seriously hamper future operating budgets. This plant represents a hazard to both Halton residents' health and the Region's finances.

This Energy from Waste Plan has been buried by the Region until after the November 13th election when it will be too late to stop it. Chair Joyce Savoline made a speech to the media on energy from waste (EFW) three weeks after this July 12, 2006 report was signed by CAO (and now Chair candidate) Brent Marshall and NEVER MENTIONED the \$700 M, or the burning of Toronto's garbage, or the \$500,000 they plan to spend to kick-start the project.

The Regional Council elected in 2006 will control Halton Region for FOUR YEARS. After November 13th it will be too late for Halton Residents to have their say on the 7% a year tax increase and this grandiose incineration scheme. Halton's quality of life will diminish and with noise, fumes and lower property values.

"I pay attention to details and read the fine print - that's what I'll continue to do as Regional Chair," says Brian Burton. "I know EFW may be feasible in the future as the technology gets better, but only for the waste we create in Halton."

Brian is an engineer and experienced former CEO who understands EFW and the economics of such an enormous plant.

*\*The Greater Golden Horseshoe Area includes: Toronto, Hamilton, Kawartha Lakes, Guelph, Peterborough, Barrie, Orillia, Brantford, Halton, Peel, York, Durham, Waterloo, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant, Wellington, Dufferin, Simcoe, Northumberland and Peterborough. Click [here](#) for map.*