

— LETTER OF THE WEEK—

Don't flush this opportunity down the toilet

Editor,

There may be a big tax bill coming to all homes on the North Shore. As you may know, the Lions Gate Waste Water Treatment plant, which currently processes liquid waste is targeted to be replaced by 2020. The business as usual proposal is to replace it with a treatment plant that could cost each taxpaying household on the North Shore

as much as \$1,391 per year. By comparison the current amount paid by these same taxpayers ranges from \$156 to \$181 annually.

Thankfully an alternative exists that involves generating revenue from processing both liquid and solid waste using a series of sequenced and compatible green technologies.

The resources recovered include electricity, bio gas, synthesis gas, natural phosphates, ash, heating, cooling and usable water. The potential revenue achieved by the sale of these

recovered resources would be enough to pay for the plant and possibly even pay a dividend back to the municipalities after five or six years.

In my opinion this proposal is the best solution for taxpayers and should be encouraged as it could help to actually reduce taxes for a change. If the business as usual model treatment plant is built, there will be a significant lost opportunity to do the right thing.

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