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Despite the threat of hurricane and driving rains, organizers estimate that over 4,000 people enjoyed the shows Friday and Sunday.

Unfortunately Saturday's ride had to be canceled due to poor weather conditions. (at right)

Georgetown Fall Fair 1995 Ambassador, Meagan Malcolmson handed her title to the 1996 winner, Laura Lee Campbell.

Campbell, 18, is a graduate of Georgetown District High School and plans to study to become a child and youth worker when she goes to college next year. (bottom right)
(Eve Martin photo, top, Jamie Harrison photo, below)



Courts, Council deal with quarry issue

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini
A proposed exemption, which could affect the future of United Aggregates Limited's (UAL) Acton Quarry, were on both the court docket and the Town Council agenda Monday.

In a Milton court, dates were set to hear arguments in a private prosecution brought against UAL for quarrying without a required development permit.

North Halton environmentalist Rita Landry, with the help of the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, laid a private charge against UAL for contravening the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA), by not applying for the permit.

The case will be heard in a Burlington court on Feb. 3 and 4 and on Mar. 3 and 4 and

it will also be back on the docket to be spoken to at the Milton courthouse on Nov. 4 because the crown told the court that it had not reviewed the matter as required in all private prosecutions.

The court questioned whether a pre-trial hearing might narrow the issues and reduce the trial time and suggested that both parties come back in November for an update.

On the Council front, for the second time in less than a week over 100 UAL workers jammed the council chambers to lend support to UAL's request that the Town not object to a proposed provincial amendment that would exempt UAL from applying for the development permit that is at the centre of the court case.

The proposed amend-

ment to the NEPDA would exempt aggregate companies licensed before 1975 from having to obtain a development permit.

At the Council meeting, Dr. Len Landry (Rita Landry's husband) stressed that those in opposition to the proposed amendment do not want quarry workers to lose their jobs but said that UAL is linked with Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI), which has plans to turn a mined-out portion of the Acton quarry into a landfill site.

"Until UAL eradicates that link with RSI, they are the enemy," Landry said as he questioned a rumoured deal which would have UAL and RSI abandon all plans for a dump in the quarry, if the Town, Region and environmental group

P.O.W.E.R. do not object to the NEPDA exemption.

UAL executive vice-president and chief operating officer Bill Burkart again appealed to Council not to oppose the proposed NEPDA exemption, arguing that it would eliminate some of the duplication of regulations that tie up the aggregate industry in red tape.

Burkart argued that if the quarry is forced to apply for a development permit, which could take one year to do, UAL would have no choice but to move into phase three of the quarry, which is west of the Third Line and south of Regional Road 43, or shut down for a year with the loss of 200 jobs, 70 of them at the quarry.

The Town has until Monday to comment on the proposed NEPDA exemption.



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