



RED SIGNS warning hunters of restricted zones are becoming common in Nassagaweya Township. The signs warn hunters they are nearing restricted zones and cannot enter that zone. The signs are placed in areas where a land management agreement is under effect. Glen Melling, Delmar Coulson, Department of Lands and Forest Conservation officer Dale Gartley and Paul Coulson sign one area. — (Staff Photo)

Joint meeting hears pros and cons of quarry establishment

Both sides of controversies surrounding the proposed establishment of quarries by Springbank Sand and Gravel on the Tenth Line south of Norval and by Consolidated Sand and Gravel on Lots 13 and 14, Con. 3, near Speyside were heard at a joint meeting of Esqueving Council and township planning board last Wednesday night.

Both parcels of land were designated as prospective extractive industrial sites on the township's draft official plan by planning board. However, the plan was referred back to planning board for reconsideration, when it came up before council for approval, recently.

Planning board chairman Fred Helson chaired the meeting, after making it clear he would take no part in the discussion nor vote on the matter, since one of his partners in law Kenneth Langdon represents Thomas McGee, on whose property the Springbank quarry is proposed.

Representing the Pinegrove Ratepayers' Association, lawyer Andy Stabins, who lives on the Tenth Line, three lots south of the McGee property, emphasized that the two bodies should always consider the rights of the community paramount to the rights of an individual owner in making any decision. Stabins said he was speaking for the association as a ratepayer, not as paid counsel.

Contrary to plan Stabins claimed the proposed gravel pit is contrary to the draft official plan. He pointed out the site is located in the centre of a rectangle, bounded by four paved roads, but added according to a 1968 transportation study there are no provisions for any further paved roads to go through the area. He said some parts of the township near the site are densely populated.

He suggested establishment of the quarry could endanger the township's water supply in that area. In the southeast corner of the township, he said, the underlying geological formation "the Queenston formation", which he described as "just plain rock", has less than 25 feet of overburden.

According to Stabins, a study showed the area has the best septic tank suitability in the township. "Does it make sense to take land that is good for waste disposal and turn it into a gravel pit?" he asked.

Stabins went on to point out the township gets only nine per cent of its total assessment from commercial ventures and that a section of the official plan states there would be an attempt to retain the rural character of the township.

He said he didn't think roads in the area of the site are suitable for heavy trucks.

Sums up Stabins concluded "I can't see how the welfare of the is going to be enhanced by this pit and the welfare of inhabitants should always be paramount to private gain."

Replying for Mr. McGee, lawyer Ken Langdon charged Stabins' proposals weighed in very heavily with the small residential land owner.

"I agree the home owner deserves protection, but we must recognize the small holding owner is not the only type of land user in the municipality," he said.

"Gravel is a necessity," he said. "People who own homes along roads have to have it to have the roads maintained." He pointed out gravel can only be obtained where it exists.

Langdon went on to say strip development, on which most members of the Ratepayers' Association live, is now frowned upon by planning authorities.

"Their interests deserve protection, but should not be paramount," he said.

Using Toronto's Christie Pits park as an example, Langdon suggested reclamation of worked-out quarry land can be carried out successfully. He said there are over 70 gravel pits in the Toronto area, that have been worked out completely.

Langdon also claimed residential assessment alone cannot provide the type of services a township demands.

President replies Springbank president S. Truscian refuted earlier statements made by Stabins, which suggested the company's Mississauga operation is in an area of poor quality houses and that there are unsightly piles of sand and gravel located there.

Truscian said the company had planted a tree screen near the site from the inception of the pits 25 years ago. He said one of the cheapest houses in the area, located immediately behind the pit, is worth in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Another house in the area is worth \$250,000.

Dugald Smith, a resident of the Esqueving-Chinguacousy town line north of Norval, said he'd like to think everyone in the township would receive fair consideration on land use proposals. He pointed out there are a number of applications on file besides those of the two proposed gravel pits.

Speaking on behalf of Consolidated Sand and Gravel, company president Hugh Grightmire told the meeting, "The province of Ontario has said our plan is as fine a plan as they ever seen for any quarry on any property, and they've given us permission to use that statement."

He pointed out the company has already submitted plans showing long term use and restoration. Access to the quarry would be directly from a provincial highway, he said. Grightmire said his company was prepared to provide a general employment program including job training for local residents.

Money spent Grightmire said the company has already spent \$42,000 on site surveying and layout plans for the quarry and another \$51,500 in site clearing, excavation drilling and blasting.

Councillor Dick Howitt failed to see that the use of the land as a quarry had been established.

Howitt pointed out the owners have been assessed as residential for the last 10 years.

"I would agree that if we'd collected taxes from you for 10 years as a quarry, we'd be pretty dirty dogs not to allow it," Howitt explained.

Referring to the 1962 resolution, Howitt claimed councils are bound only by by-laws and not necessarily by resolutions.

Blames planner Reeve Tom Hill showed the blame for much of the confusion over the Consolidated request onto the shoulders of the township planner.

"At the time we had the hearing on the drag strip, Mr. Jennings asked why the use of his land hadn't been established, Mr. Keddy said he'd look into it right away, but he didn't," Hill reported.

Paul Colborne, a resident of St. Helena Road, whose property is adjacent to the Consolidated site, asked if a decision could be held up until other interested parties, such as the Bruce Trail Association and the Ontario Federation of Naturalists could be contacted.

Grightmire said his company has given the Bruce Trail Association facilities on their land and has promised the trail will never be harmed by the quarry.

Representing Cameron Heights Developments, which plans to build a million and a half dollar estate subdivision near the Consolidated site, director Bill Boyd said his firm wasn't aware there was any quarry operation taking place beside them when they first bought the land. He said he saw a sign bearing the name of the company but no sign of a quarry operation.

"I feel very strongly a quarry operation is not compatible with this subdivision," he told the meeting.

"Here's a man who's bought property a year ago and saw the sign," Grightmire replied. "Consolidated Sand and Gravel certainly isn't a peanut butter manufacturer," he said.

Jennings pointed out there are approximately seven major quarries within the city of Montreal.

"It's quite possible for this development to still go ahead with us there," he said.

Meeting chairman Fred Helson told Mr. Colborne individual ratepayers would still have the right to appeal to OMB, even if the quarry site is approved by the township.

MISTLETOE TIME

The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe has ancient origins. The mistletoe was considered a sacred plant by the ancient Druids in Britain and anyone standing under it was supposed to receive divine protection. Hence, thieves often used it to avoid arrest and punishment. Queen Elizabeth I finally abolished the mistletoe's properties of legal sanctuary, but the obligation to forfeit a kiss when standing under the mistletoe bough has survived through the centuries.

Woman hurt in accident

A Georgetown woman complained of a sore neck after the car she was driving hit a hydro pole. Milton OPP report

The accident occurred at the Junction of the Seventh Line and 17 Sideroad Esqueving on Monday, Nov. 29. The driver,

Audrey Leggett received an estimated \$300 damage to the car she was driving.

There were no injuries reported in a two-car collision at the corner of 25 Sideroad and Fourth Line Nassagaweya, on

Wednesday, Dec. 1. The drivers involved were Leon Duffield of R.R. 2 Rockwood and John Bonus of R.R. 1 Acton. Estimated damage to the Duffield vehicle was \$250; to the Bonus car \$300.

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