

Speyside residents oppose new quarry

Speyside residents don't want Standard Aggregate Ltd. to open a 600 acre quarry on Highway 25, south of Speyside. Standard Aggregate Ltd. was formerly known as Consolidated Sand and Gravel.

Jim Sheldon, claiming to speak for 150 families in the Speyside area, said they had supported Esquering Council, which opposed the quarry at the OMB a few years ago.

The presentation was made last week to Halton Hills planning board.

In May, Standard Aggregates Ltd. proposed the 600 acre quarry with two large lakes. When rehabilitated it would be turned over to Halton Region Conservation Authority. The first lake would be completed within 15 years and the second in 35 years.

Mr. Sheldon said their main objection was the number of gravel trucks from the existing quarries, without adding to them. He predicted Esquering would become one big hole from quarries. Based on 74 figures if Standard Aggregate is allowed, and including Indusmin, Barnes and Duff operations, there would be a truck every 12 seconds of a ten hour day at Highway 25 and Five Sideroad, he claimed.

The spokesman claimed Highway 25 was not built to handle this kind of traffic and said two big trucks side by side, force one to have the wheels on the shoulder. He

said two of the largest aggregate suppliers are already in Halton Hills, and commented, "It boggles the mind that we should be forced to put up with this kind of rape."

He said there would be wall-to-wall quarries all the way up the escarpment. He told planning board the noise and the blasting are a nuisance, and his house shook now when Dufferin blasted. He pointed out residents are worried about their wells going dry. He claimed the area where Standard hopes to locate feeds 16 Mile Creek, and said their proposed lakes would affect it and create a sewage problem for Milton.

Mr. Sheldon disputed Standard Aggregates claim they took out 800,000 tons of material in 1961, and said no one could find evidence of that. He said the late Len Cox tried to find anyone who could back up that claim. He urged planning board to wait until existing quarries are mined out before allowing any more.

"If this goes through there will be a lot of unhappy people in Speyside," he warned.

Councillor Pat McKenzie pointed out Highway 25 could be rebuilt to accommodate the truck traffic. He said he much preferred the trucks using Highway 25 than 17 Sideroad. He commented there is a price to pay for living in this horseshoe and emphasized there is a need for aggregate.

He claimed Standard Aggregate are looking 40

years down the line. He challenged the statement there would be big holes, saying the quarries have to be rehabilitated, and turned over to the conservation authority.

McKenzie said the product would have to be mined sometime. "You can't be dog in the manger. If it upsets a few people in Speyside, so what?"

Chairman Roy Booth said Mr. Sheldon's comments would be taken into consideration when council is reviewing the Official Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Official Plan.

Councillor Russ Miller explained the issue had been before Esquering council several times and had been turned down. He said there is evidence the area has actually been mined. He forecast noise, dust and damage to sideroads, which he said might be used if Highway 25 is clogged.

Miller urged planning board to refuse this one until the existing quarries are quarried out. He said the cost to the taxpayers to maintain roads would be excessive.

Booth said the area in question is not designated extractive in the Niagara Escarpment plans, and if the town wanted any more than existing licenced quarries designated, would have to recommend it to the NEC.

The ratepayers' objections were turned over to council's committee studying the Niagara Escarpment proposed Official Plan.



Kevin Jordan

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Kevin Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jordan, graduated June 25 from St. Clair College, Chatham as a counsellor for the mentally retarded.

He is presently working at Good Shepherd Home in Orangeville as a senior counsellor. He attended Robert Little school in Acton and Kingsville District high school. He is the grandson of Mrs. Margaret Palmer and Mrs. Laura Jordan.

Manor staff house for seniors?

Alternate uses for the staff house at Halton Centennial Manor are being investigated. Administrator Jack Charlton told members of the Community and Social Services committee of Halton Region Tuesday.

Committee chairman Walter Mulkevic told the committee he had received a letter from the District Health Council indicating it would like to recommend uses in conjunction with mental health and long term care programs.

Mr. Charlton noted this was one of several alternatives. The Children's Aid Society had indicated interest at one time and the Halton Housing Authority might be interested in providing an extension of senior citizen housing.

The possibilities are to be reviewed and recommendations made. Councillor Laurie Mannell urged prompt action to see the building serving a useful purpose.

"I'm sure we can come up with a use in line with senior citizen accommodation," the administrator said.

Seek better services for North Halton area

The Region's family counselling division will be maintained but the community and social services committee refused a staff recommendation that services not be purchased from other agencies, at a meeting Tuesday.

Instead the committee called for a meeting between the region group and groups in Oakville and Burlington to suggest ways in which better counselling service could be provided at less cost.

Both the C.O.H.R. in Burlington and the Family Service Bureau in Oakville told the meeting they were not organized to provide service in north Halton.

Administrator Rennie Vivian's report to the committee noted the region service was the only one of its kind in the north.

Councillor Jim Kerr suggested since Burlington and Oakville already have private services, the region should concentrate in the north.

"Is there any support to indicate service in the north is inadequate?" Chairman

Mulkevic inquired.

Mr. Vivian acknowledged there was some truth to the claim there was not as much service in the north, but over the years the services there had gotten along very well. He pointed to a level of coordination that was achieved in the north which was difficult to obtain elsewhere. "The multi-service centre in Acton enables groups to work together very well. Much of what is being done is being done very well," he noted.

"How can we measure what we don't have? I recall the scrap we had to get one small office open to provide all the services you have in the south," Councillor Pat McKenzie noted.

Councillor Jim Kerr suggested the provision of services in the north from agencies located in the south of the region seemed to be a problem. He pointed out, however, that CAS had gone to Burlington, the Health Unit was to move south and regional headquarters was in the south—leaving the north



RESIDENTS on Churchill North welcomed new surfacing on their dusty, bumpy road this week. The surface treating extends from the curling club to the Erin border.

Correspondence course

A new opportunity for education in agriculture, the Ontario Diploma in Agriculture by correspondence, will be offered by the University of Guelph beginning in October. The new diploma program will be sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and is offered by the Office of Continuing Education, University of Guelph.

The program will be especially useful to farmers and to people employed in agriculturally related jobs who want to upgrade their education, but cannot take time away for full time study.

\$27,196 grant for three employees

Three people may be employed by the recreation department to help upgrade physical fitness in the area, if the Canada Works Program approves the town's application for a grant.

The grant totalling \$27,196 would cover the salaries of the three employees for a year, beginning in September.

The only expenses paid by the town would be \$250 this year and approximately \$750 next year.

The three employees would be a project manager, an educator, and a technician, according to a letter from

Recreation Director Glen Gray to Halton Hills council.

Known as Operation ACTON, (Activities Co-ordinated Towards Indoor Outdoor Needs) the program hopes to increase the awareness in the community of the existence of the project and town's role in it, as well as the benefits of participation in physical activities, says the brochure.

It aims at increasing the amount of physical activity and improving the level of fitness.

Councillor George Maltby

said he objected to the way the federal government is spending taxpayers' money. He said he wasn't sure this program would have any long range benefits for the town. He said the federal government is spending \$25 million under Canada Works and claimed it would be better to put the money into creating permanent jobs. "I think this is a waste of the public purse."

"That would be a good speech for Joe Clarke," commented the mayor.

New contractor

Various problems in the past has forced Halton Region to replace the contractor at the Georgetown dump.

Halton region public works committee was informed by staff last Wednesday that at the beginning of this month a new contractor took over at the dump.

The new firm, Environmental Quality Handling, will be paid the same as the old contractor, \$10,317 a month.

Public Works Director Bob Moore said the old contractor was replaced because of various problems and complaints about dump operation.

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill recalled a citizen's car was hit at the dump last year. Earlier this year a number of government agencies complained about leachate escaping from the Georgetown dump into the Credit River.

Funds ok'd

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority's (CVCA) Information and Education Advisory Board last week at Meadowvale approved \$200 for its education officer, George Roberts, to attend an acclimatization workshop at George Williams College in Wisconsin next November 3-5.

46,436 visit five CVCA area parks

A total of 46,436 people have visited the five conservation areas maintained by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority this season up to July 9, 1978.

Terra Cotta is especially busy at this time of year when the weather turns hot and sticky. The one-acre pool is ideal for families. Camping is available by reservation (by mail) or on a first-come first-served basis.

Large treed picnic areas and nature trails provide a pleasant cool alternative to hot city pavement.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located one mile north of the Village of Terra Cotta.

Belfountain in the history-rich gorge of the West Credit River near the Forks of the Credit is a mecca for photographers. Walkways along the river and picnic areas within hearing of the dam and falls combine with interesting stonework and the suspension bridge across the gorge to provide a change from swimming and barbecues.

Meadowvale conservation area has become a busy group picnic area with open playing fields, rustic picnic shelters, barbecues and shady areas to rest along the river. Access to the park is from the Second Line West in the Village of Meadowvale. Well-treed campsites, pic-

nic shelter, barbecues, and a swimming area are all found at Monora Conservation Area in a delightful setting on a small creek in the northern edge of the Town of Orangeville. Access is from Highway 10 a mile north of the junction of Highway 9.

Eight hundred and twenty acres of forest, lake and meadow are contained in the area north-east of Orangeville. A wildlife sanctuary with nature trails, picnic areas, ball diamond and non-motorized boating, this area is on the migratory waterfowl flyway and provides interesting observation areas for nesting birds.

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