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OPEN MONDAYS

Freeze for quarries...

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continue supplying large amounts of stone, or even increase its production.

However, the new regional proposals go even further than Halton's previous designation of lands to be frozen from development for stone extraction and even further than the previous provincial plan too.

In Halton Hills there are huge areas from the Town Line east to the Third Line and from 17 Sideroad to above 25 Sideroad south of Acton. In addition there are the existing areas south-east of Acton and a large section stretching from just east of Churchill Roads North and South in Acton to nearly Ballinacree.

Elsewhere in Halton Hills there is a huge area between the Sixth and Fifth Lines and north and south of 10 Sideroad has been designated for mining protection and lands north of Georgetown as well. There's a small area near Scotch Block too.

In Nassagaweya a huge tract, a continuation of the large area south west of Acton, is designated as well as lands west of Acton and some property east of Eden Mills.

Urban and aggregate uses are clearly incompatible, Sheldon said, yet the lands to be protected for future extractions are right adjacent to Acton on both the east and south sides. The lands to the east of town is where residential development is slated for the future too.

Sheldon fears if all of these lands were ever mined we'd have haul routes all over the place around Acton.

This aggregate issue, she says, is a big problem for all of Halton Hills, not just in the areas where development can't take place until mining is carried out, if it is ever carried out, and the areas which will be mined. Everyone will be affected by haul routes and the cost of maintaining roads which will carry the heavy trucks.

Halton region produces three times more aggregate than Hamilton-Wentworth and twice as much as Peel, Sheldon noted. "Halton region is a major supplier of aggregate to southern Ontario and the biggest supply area in the region is Halton Hills."

In 1980 12 million tons of gravel and stone was produced in Halton and 80 per cent of the supply coming out of Halton Hills was "exported" to Metro Toronto market. In fact, she says, 30 per cent of the Metro market's needs for aggregate comes from here.

"What I can't come to grips with is how come we get the same provincial subsidies for our roads that municipalities which don't have all these gravel trucks driving around get. We get the wear and tear, but not the dollars. All ratepayers here are footing the bill," Sheldon declared. Halton Hills will become Toronto's mine.

"If the aggregate industry, in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources, is successful in turning Halton into a major supplier where's the incentive to look for long range alternatives when

we're so close?" Sheldon asked.

She warned unless this move is stopped, and it will be hard to halt this proposal, by the year 2000 instead of over 10 million tons being extracted in Halton, mostly from Halton Hills, there will be 20 million tons or more extracted annually.

Sheldon is also worried the Town will have little or no control over the aggregate industry in Halton Hills in the future. With the region proposing mineral resource protection, she suspects only an Official Plan amendment will be approved by the province, and land frozen until stone is extracted, it won't be hard to open a pit or quarry. Sheldon explained the aggregate industry won't need a regional Official Plan amendment to open a quarry and the aggregate producers are also opposing having to come for a Halton Hills Official Plan amendment. The industry says Halton Hills can control some things through licensing, which is true, but Sheldon warns Halton Hills won't be able to decide the question if there will be a quarry or not in a specific location.

Miller observed region staff never consulted with Halton Hills while formulating its new policy on aggregates.

One thing he is particularly concerned with is if land is frozen or protected it will be up to the landowner to prove stone can't be extracted economically, not up to the industry to prove that the mineral should be protected.

In total he said 13,000 acres of Halton Hills property would be protected. Miller thinks that is very excessive. He estimates only 1,400 acres, and that's a generous estimate, has been mined in Halton Hills over the past 20 years. So, he asks, why is so much land to be designated?

Councillors are suggesting enough land would be protected to provide stone for 200 years.

"It takes the rights of property owners away," Miller declared. Not only will the property designated be affected, but property all around it.

Whiting is worried about full pit operations and blasting close to Acton. He notes people in Acton feel blasting at Indusmin now, councillors receive complaints about the blasting.

However, Whiting says, there's a big difference now. In the case of Indusmin many people have moved here after the quarry started. But with this new situation the people are here first and the quarries will be coming afterwards.



Shaded areas show locations where land could be frozen until aggregate is extracted.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rick West of West Insurance Ltd. wishes to announce the appointment of Liliya Pace. Liliya is a graduate of the University of Toronto (Bachelor of Arts degree), and is presently completing her Associateship in Insurance (A.I.C.). She has spent 5 years in the insurance industry working first as a commercial property underwriter and later as a production representative for a major general insurer. Having had extensive experience in insurance as well as being an Acton resident herself, Liliya looks forward to being of service to the Halton Hills community, handling all of her clients needs - commercial, industrial, auto, home & "life".

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Hill to try comeback

Former Mayor Tom Hill plans to make a comeback to the political scene. He will run for council in Ward Two, Esqueping, but as yet is not saying whether he'll seek the local or regional seat.

Hill, the first mayor of the amalgamated Town of Halton Hills, served on Esqueping council for eight years, first as councillor, then deputy-reeve then reeve.



Tom Hill

Wood after seat

A former Halton regional councillor, Ed Wood, has announced plans to get his old job back.

Wood sat on regional and Halton Hills council during the 1978-80 term. He was defeated by Dave Whiting in 1980. Whiting is seeking re-election.

Wood has been a businessman in Acton for eight years, owning and operating the two Family Cleaners outlets in town. He has also sat on recreation committees, and is the current chairman of the Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Wood says he has no axes to grind. He merely liked representing Acton at the regional level, and felt he did a good job. He urges those with any issues on their minds to contact him.

Doug Mason

Retired Halton Hills Hydro meter superintendent Doug Mason has tossed his hat in the ring for the seat of Acton's hydro commissioner.

Mason announced this week he plans to challenge incumbent Willie McEachern for the position which until August of this year he worked under.

Mason worked for the hydro for 35 years, 32 of them as superintendent before his retirement in August. He feels the knowledge he has gained over the past years will give him a strong voice on the Halton Hills Hydro Commission.

Peter Norton tries for Ward 2 spot

Another hat has been thrown in the ring in Ward Two, (Esqueping).

Peter Norton, a Glen Williams native, will seek one of the two local council seats in Ward Two.

Peter, 38, is a lay reader at St. Alban's Church, and was one of the founders of minor ball in Glen Williams. He also organized the local golf tournament for Muscular Dystrophy, this year. He operates Carefree Carpets, 71 Mountainview North.

Use 4th Line pits

The Duenk and Boss properties on the Fourth-Line will be used as a source of aggregate for work on the Burloak QEW interchange.

The work will be done by Bot Construction for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Despite a request by Bot Construction for another haul route, Halton Hills council voted to have the trucks go southerly along the Fourth Line to 17 Sideroad, along to Trafalgar and south on Trafalgar.

Car hits stump

During the heavy fog last Wednesday night, an Acton woman had to veer off 22 Sideroad because another car wouldn't turn its high-beams down, or share half the road. Halton police say Miesje VanDorsser veered off the road, hitting a stump and causing \$2,000 damage to her car.

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by Pamela McNeely

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Bacon is less likely to shrink if you soak slices in cold water for a few minutes before you fry them.

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