

Terra Cotta fishing derby

There will be a fishing derby right in this area August 10, 11 and 12. At Terra Cotta Conservation Area, specially tagged trout will be released into Muskrat Pond, and anglers will receive prizes for each tagged fish hooked. The official opening of the fishing derby will be Friday August 10, from six until nine

p.m. but there will be two more days for fisherman to try for the trout. At the interpretive centre, Sunday afternoon, prizes will be awarded to the lucky fisherman. Also on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Sir Isaac Walton Fisherman Club will demonstrate the art of casting and fly-tying.

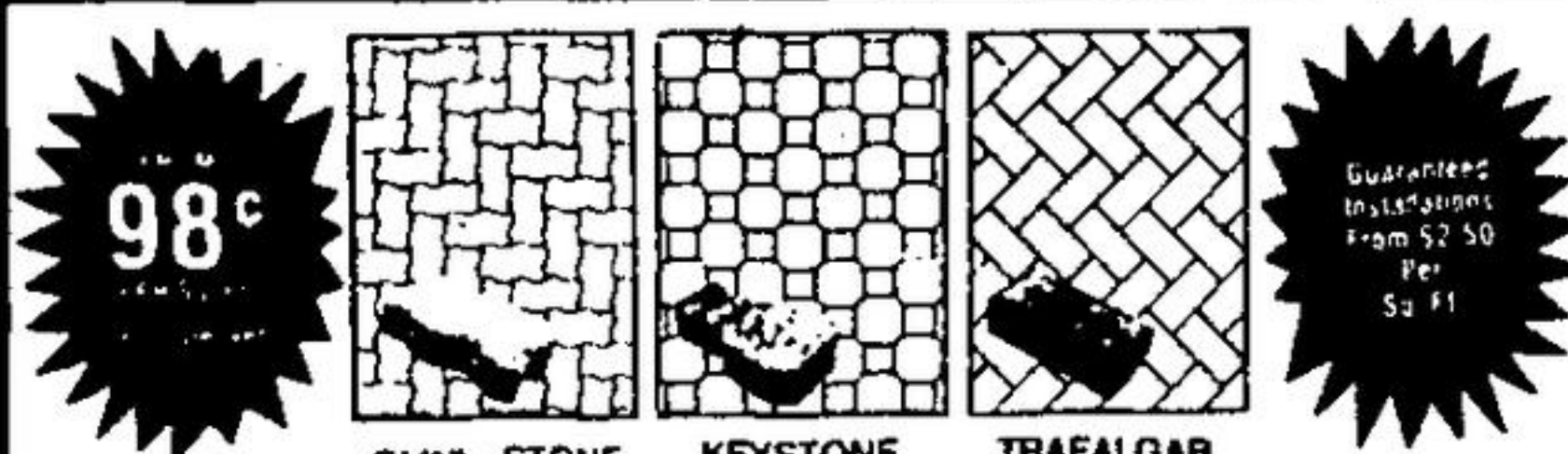


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Sheldon happy with NEC plan

After 13 years of fighting any expansion of the aggregate industry in Speyside, Councilor Pam Sheldon is jubilant about the newly released Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The plan, as unveiled by Ontario Resources Secretary Norman Sterling, would prevent Standard Industries Ltd. from expanding its gravel operation to a 600 acre potential in Speyside.

"It's really exhilarating, especially since the aggregate fight was the reason I got into politics in the first place," said Sheldon. She added it seems a victory for Speyside residents.

She was gratified that the voice of a small community can be heard, and pointed out a quarry which would ultimately have reached 600 acres would have had a great impact on the area.

"Once they had their toe in the door it would be there for at least the next 40 years," Sheldon commented. She described Sterling's proposal as ensuring the protection of the escarpment.

Existing quarries have been designated as such, so are not affected by the plan.

Sheldon admitted she would not feel easy until after the September 14 deadline for opposing submissions.

Speaking from the whole Town's point of view, Sheldon said she was happy development applications on the escarpment would be handled by the municipalities, but was wary of having the Region of Halton take over until the Town of Halton Hills is ready to assume the responsibility. She explained the Town's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw is not approved, a requirement for the local municipality taking over the development



Pam Sheldon

applications.

She wondered if the region took control they would then relinquish it later.

Sheldon said she was also pleased to see the province "put its money where its mouth is", in giving \$25 million a year for ten years for the acquisition of parks. She lauded the province for leaving it up to the private landowner whether they sell the land or keep it.

The Ward Two councillor warned there may be items in the NEC, which upon closer examination, she might query.

Old Age pensions increased

Federal Old Age Security pensions, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance benefits was increased in July to keep them in line with the cost of living, Health and Welfare Minister Monique Begin announced.

The universal old age pension (OAS), paid to people 65 and older, rose to \$269.74 a month in July, August and September from \$266.28.

The maximum supplement (GIS) for single pensioners in need went up to \$295.81 from \$267.33. This includes a special in-

crease of up to \$25 approved by Parliament on June 22. A second \$25 increase will be added in December.

The maximum supplement for married people rose to \$208.79 for each spouse.

The maximum Spouse's Allowance—paid to needy people between 60 and 65 who are married to spouses of GIS recipients—increased to \$478.53 from \$472.39.

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