## Regional council rejects dumping quarry sites

Despite the opinions of its Halton Hills members, Halton regional council has rejected a public works staff recommendation by which no further consideration would be given to using abandoned quarries as dump sites for Halton's gar-

Council voted 11-10 to reject the suggestion, instead endorsing a request for additional information on the feasibility of using quarry siles for dry. inert or liquid wastes.

In a report to council, public works director Bob Moore pointed out that Halton's waste disposal consultants, M.M. Dillon Ltd., have already investigated the use of abandoned quarries and identified only three locations where it was felt waste could be dumped.

The consultant's examination automatically ruled out the use of limestone querries along the Niagara Escarpment because of environmental concerns over the leaking of leachate from liquid waste.

THREE SITES The three sites chosen for potential landfilling capacity were similarly ruled out for varying reasons, in accordance with council's previouslystated policies. Mr. Moore reported that the Milton Brickyard at Tremaine Road and Steeles Avenue and the "Badlands" area of Burlington, both existing shale quarries,

#### Limehouse News

By Mrs. Benton

Herald correspondent Dr. Suzanne Sheppard recently studying in Brighton, England, now continuing in Geneva, Switzerland is home visiting her parents for a couple of weeks. Her brother Dr. Robert Sheppard after touring Alaska has recently been in England and is presently travelling in Greece, A number from Limehouse attended anniversary services at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown on Sunday to hear their former minister Dr. Rev. Charles C. Cochrane. (From Mrs. Hannah)

The Limehouse Cubs had a fun meeting when they look the pack to McDonalds for McHappy Day. They used the profits from their car wash to buy Big Macs and a drink and thus help Crippled Children.

Group committee held their October meeting in the Scout Hut. It was very poorly attended but plans went ahead any; way for Apple Day, improving the hut and a multisale in December.

Cubs and Scouts held their Apple Day on Saturday, 18 boys canvassed our large area and did very well again, thanks to the area residents. Mothers provided sandwiches and hot chocolate for the boys and drove the boys around. Thanks also to Rikki-Tikki-Taui (Steve Thompson) who are intended for future extrac- leachate would pose no probtion purposes.

The third location, the Natco quarry in Burlington, has been deemed unsuitable because of high development costs, due , mainly to difficult access. Mr. Moore added that the

Millon brickyard and Burlington badfands sites also have limited capa v for landfilling at present. "Their greatest potential

lies in the future, after more material has been extracted, but too far in the future to be of any use to us now," he explai-

Milton Mayor Don Gordon pointed out that the findings reported by Mr. Moore are based upon superficial examinations and, as such, could be challenged by landfilling opponents when the region attempts to justify its ultimate choice of a dumpsite before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Oakville Coun. Laurie Mannell commented that it was "absolutely unbelievable" that regional staff is prepared to abandon its interest in quarry landfilling. The escarpment, he noted, is scarred by quarries that could be filled with garbage, levelled off with fill and rehabilitated to regain their original appearance.

NO PROBLEMS Kenzie took issue with Coun.

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tems to landfilling at the Indusmin quarry south of Acton. There are still no proven melhods of collecting leachate and preventing the contamination of ground water and creeks in the vicinity, he contended. Even with available leachate collection systems, he said,

how could the floor of such a

large quarry be effectively Coun. Mannell was adamant however, that methods of collecting leachate have been satisfactorily established and could help the region avoid using valuable farmland for

"It has been well-documented that quarries can indeed be sealed effectively," Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti agreed. "Quarries have been used and rehabilitated in Hamilton-Wentworth region without any problems. We would be taking a passive role in dealing with this problem if we don't look at the quarries. Industries twhich generate large amounts of waste) may even share in the costs of these

Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland argued that, regardless of what Hallon believes is possible, all proposed landfill NO PROBLEMS
Halton Hills Coun. Pat Meset out by the provincial ministry of environment. Until the Mannell's assertion that that criteria change, he said, the

investigations)."

region may as well forget about using abandoned quar-

PROVINCE PROBLEM "The problem is what the province isn't doing anything (about re-assessing its criteria)", Coun. Ciprietti respond-

Legislation governing such criteria is now under review,

efforts to implement changes are being "buried in garbage". "Mayor Gordon is talking about going to the province

and pursuing this futile exercise," Halton Hills Coun, Roy Booth observed, "(Mr. Moore's report) says simply that limestone quarries are unacceptable"

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrelt pointed out that abandon-

ed quarries are being routinely used for landfilling in the U.S. Such methods are far cheaper than buying acres of agricultural land for the purpose, he

SUITABLE SITES Millon Coun. Jim Watson contended that there is no quarry in Halton that would serve as a suitable alternative

location - at Tremaine and Britannia Roads in rural Milion - for a single regional landfill site. He added, however, that other alternatives to

Site "F" have not been adequately examined. Coun. Jack Raftis of Burlington agreed with Coun. Cipriciti that Halton should pick

the most suitable quarry for

led report on its potential for such uses for presentation to Queen's Park. He recommend,

though, that regional staff should handle the investigation rather than consulting engl-Oakville Coun. McLean Anderson complained that the

investigation is simply a

"make-work project for plan-

do", now that the regional plan has been finalized.

Coun. Ciprietti's motion for additional studies of the use of quarries was supported by a slim majority, however, despite the opposition of Halton Hills councillors Booth, Mc-Kenzie, Russ Miller and Mike Armstrong, Mayor Tom Hill was unable to attend the meeting because of a flu virus.



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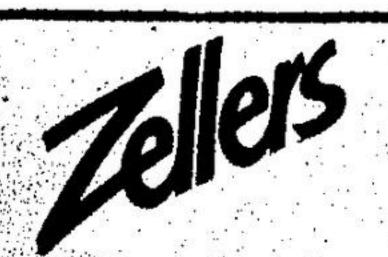
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