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Halton Helping Hands thanked its dedicated volunteers at the town's municipal offices last Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Pete Pomeroy presented each volunteer with the appreciation scroll and a button. Volunteers who helped make Helping Hands tick are: (front, left to right) Jessie Jacobs, Billie Idzi, Rita Zorge, Lil Chapman, (back) Doug Murcott, Lillian Hughston,

supervisor Barb Stephens, Dan Timmons, executive director Val O'Hara, Mayor Pomeroy, Peggy Shannon, assistant Jane Kennedy and Kristi Champ. Ms. O'Hara also presented Mayor Pomeroy with a cheque for \$13,625 from Levi-Strauss to pay for the ActiVan vehicle.

(Herald photo)

Concerned and quietly active citizens thanked for lending 'Helping Hands'

By ASTRA PAPE
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For the first time ever last week, Halton Helping Hands presented its volunteers with appreciation awards and pins thanking them for the work they have done over the past years.

At a short ceremony in the Halton Hills municipal offices Tuesday afternoon, supervisor for Helping Hands in Georgetown Barb Stephens said it's the best example she's seen of a community that really cares about working together. For the first time in its history, she said, Helping Hands has had representatives of the government, service clubs,

business sector and the private sector contribute in some way to the program.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy gave each volunteer the plaque and pins thanking them personally for the assistance they have provided.

Georgetown Lionsess Rita Zorge, Lil Chapman and Billie Idzi received their awards as thanks for the aid and support they've given Helping Hands. Billie Idzi has also worked with two individuals in their homes as a volunteer, visiting them and helping out with shopping and chores.

Jessie Jacobs and Dan Timmons from Fobert Real Estate were thanked for their assistance with photo-

copying as well as Lillian Hughston and Douglas Murcott from the Canada Employment Centre.

Georgetown District high school student Kristi Champ also received a note of thanks. She has been working part-time with Mrs. Stephens in her home for a few months now, doing office work and maintaining contact with the organizer's clients.

Volunteer Peggy Shannon was recognized for her work with one woman specifically with whom she has been maintaining contact for over one year.

Mayor Pomeroy accepted a cheque for \$13,625 from Halton Helping Hands ex-

ecutive director Val O'Hara. The funds had been channelled through Helping Hands from Levi-Strauss Inc. to the town. The cheque has been matched by the provincial government to pay for the ActiVan vehicle.

After the presentations,

Barb Stephens thanked the group for their services and expressed hope they will keep up the good work. Ms. O'Hara said that Helping Hands is fortunate to have Mrs. Stephens since she has been tireless in her efforts within the community.

Halton Hills gravel up for grabs?

Escarpment hearings critical to us - Booth

Just as it may be years before planning policies for the Niagara Escarpment are finally engraved in stone, there appear to be no immediate winners in Standard Aggregates Limited's bid to rezone part of the escarpment allowing it to haul rock from a site south of Speyside.

Despite three days' discussion during the recent round of hearings on the Niagara Escarpment plan held for two weeks in Burlington, hearing officers, Standard aggregate officials and opponents to the company's rezoning application will likely have to cross-examine each other again in supplementary hearings anticipated in about a year.

LAND UNCHANGED
If last month's hearings are, as Halton Hills town councillor and Niagara Escarpment Commissioner Roy Booth described in a recent interview, the most important so far for area residents and the aggregate industry, they also have considerable impact on municipalities which lie against the Ice Age old "razorback" of land stretching from the northern United States to below Lake Huron.

And as Coun. Booth and at least one Speyside witness remarked, there was certainly far more electricity crackling through the Standard Aggregates session than there were in subsequent discussions about other proposals.

The 600-acre property not far from the Highway 25-Sideroad 15 intersection remains relat-

ively unchanged from its natural state. Plans to start quarrying on the largely forested property remains in limbo while the escarpment plan is prepared.

Although during its hearings June 16, 17 and 18, Standard Aggregates only indicated that it may want to use the property for "mineral extractive" purposes, it asked the hearing officers to consider redesignating about 250 acres of their property to escarpment-rural from escarpment-natural.

In addition, they hope to secure an agreement whereby they can take out an unlimited amount of rock during a year-long period without having to come back before the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for permission to open new areas of their property for quarrying. While the plan currently would allow extracting aggregates from land designated escarpment-rural, it has

limited the amount to 22,000 tons of material per year.

But nearby residents, as well as the towns of Milton and Halton Hills, have long since expressed concern that quarrying in the area would have a drastic effect on well water supplies and the amount of water in the Amabelle aquifer which provides much of Milton with drinking water.

THOROUGH STUDY
The bulk of Standard's evidence was presented in a one-inch thick study, completed at an estimated \$500,000 and the company's team of experts, which included botanists and hydrologists, insisted that quarrying would not likely affect the groundwater flow beyond the property.

However, ministry of natural resources hydrologist Ulo Sibul told the hearing officers that it's almost impossible, without a detailed study, to examine just what effects the

quarry would have on surrounding water supplies.

Another witness suggested that quarrying would affect the area's water table, causing a change in the type of vegetation now growing on the property.

Ecoplans Researchers, the major contributor to Standard's study, also maintained that the vegetation on the property was not of an extraordinarily rare variety in the area which would be worth preserving from extinction. But Paul Maycock, a botanical expert called as a witness by the NEC, claimed that his own investigation of the Speyside property revealed a number of plant species particularly rare to the Halton area.

In fact, he said, the proposed quarry lies in an area where the escarpment shifts from an east-west direction to a north-south orientation, creating a

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Mississauga man, 19, season's 1st drowning

A 19-year-old Mississauga youth drowned while swimming in the quarry lake at Waterfalls Park Wednesday.

Tony Duarte and his two friends, Charlie Chircop and Tim Johnston also of Mississauga were swimming in the

Limehouse-area lake Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Duarte experienced problems and started to flounder. His friends attempted to aid him but didn't succeed. They summoned help and scuba diver

Robert Guizo of Oakville later found the victim in 10 metres of water.

The victim was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Collision claims life

A 25-year old Athens, Ontario, man died in a two-car collision Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of the Ninth Line and the Tenth Sideroad in Halton Hills.

Allan Weidenar was killed instantly as his car collided with a cement truck driven by David Peavoy of Alton.

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