

# Speyside brief blasts quarry firm

**Herald Special**  
Standard Aggregates took another verbal pounding last week from Speyside area ratepayers president Pam Sheldon, who appeared on her own behalf before the Niagara Escarpment Commission hearings on the proposed escarpment plan.

In her brief, Mrs. Sheldon attacked Standard's contention that bureaucracy is out to interfere with the firm's rights to develop a quarry on part of the 600 acres it owns at Speyside, south of Acton.

Mrs. Sheldon's brief talked about the right to own property versus the rights of the property owners, she said. While anyone has the right to own property if he can afford it, his right to deal with his property as he wishes is limited by zoning restrictions which apply to that property.

Standard has been playing the same routine through-out the hearings, Mrs. Sheldon said, complaining that the firm owned the land for 22 years and now it can't use it for a quarry.

Mrs. Sheldon sees little reason to offer such a huge company any sympathy when it was negligence on the part of Standard's forerunners, Consolidated Sand and Gravel, which landed the firm in today's predicament.

## Praise for Sheldon

Niagara Escarpment commissioner Roy Booth praised fellow town councillor Pam Sheldon last week for her recent submission on a review of the escarpment's official plan. Representing the Speyside and area ratepayers association, Coun. Sheldon argued against proposed zoning change which would allow Standard Aggregates Industries to establish a quarry on 600-acres of property it owns near Speyside. Coun. Booth said that her presentation at the hearing put Standard Industries' lawyer Burton Kellock "on the ropes". She maintained that the need for a new quarry in the Speyside area has not been sufficiently proven to justify the proposed zoning change from escarpment rural natural to escarpment rural.

When Consolidated purchased the site in 1960, there were no controls of any sort and the firm could have gone after a quarry licence without any restriction, she said. All that would have been required would have been an application to local council to shift the zoning from rural to extractive or whatever zoning designation permitted quarrying.

Instead, Consolidated waited. It applied for a building permit from Esqueping Township some time in the 1960s, Mrs. Sheldon said, but the permit was allowed to lapse without being used.

Then the township enacted a holding bylaw in 1969 to freeze

all land until such time as its official plan was complete. Again Consolidated made no objection.

The province brought in the Pits and Quarries Control Act in 1971 which set up restrictions on how permits were issued and made some concessions to environmental concerns, she added.

The township official plan was passed in 1973 and because its land wasn't designated for quarrying even though no applications to quarry had ever been made, Standard took its objections to the Ontario municipal board.

The establishment of the Niagara Escarpment Commission with control to plan the

area which includes Standard's Speyside property along 15 Sideroad put the OMB hearing into limbo until the present proposed plan was complete.

"Consolidated never established any attempt to quarry or challenge the loss of that right," Mrs. Sheldon said. "Therefore they lost that right. If I was the owner of Consolidated Sand and Gravel, I'd have had heads on the chopping block over that mistake."

"The controls are in place now and environmental concerns are important. If they didn't do anything when they could, they don't deserve sympathy now."

Mrs. Sheldon said she was told by hearing observers that her brief was the first time during the two years of hearings that point out Standard's lack of action in the history of the issue over Speyside quarrying.

Walter Gowing, executive secretary to the hearing officers, said the Speyside ratepayers have presented the best briefs of any citizens group participating in the hearings. They are also the largest group participating since 57 briefs, letters and oral presentations have been heard from them in the past week.

The group applied to speak at the original Phase 2 hearings last summer but got bumped back to the supplementary hearings held this year.

Mr. Gowing said supplementary hearings must be held in two more areas this spring but he hopes all evidence on the plan will be submitted by late June so that hearing officers A.L. McCrae, W.T. Shrivens and M.D. Henderson can begin preparing their report for cabinet.

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