

Sterling recommendation

Speyside gravel victory

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BURLINGTON—It looks like Speyside area residents have a victory on their hands.

Tuesday morning, Ontario Resources Secretary Norm Sterling ruled out expansion of the Speyside gravel pits in his recommendations for the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

go to the Ontario Cabinet, Mr. Sterling supported the Niagara Escarpment Commission's stand. The Commission had earlier rejected major expansion of the gravel operation in the Speyside area south of Acton. Loser in the matter is Standard Industries. The company wanted to extend its gravel operations in Speyside.

recommendation is approved by the Ontario Cabinet, 600 acres of land targeted by Standard Industries for gravel extraction would be preserved as escarpment natural and rural areas. The Niagara Escarpment plan covers the area from Niagara Falls to Tobermory and has been in the works for 10 years, costing taxpayers \$10 million so far.

Mr. Sterling made recommendations for the plan which follow: —that a Niagara Escarpment fund be created to accept donations for the acquisition of land; —that the province contribute \$25 over 10 years to the fund; —that the Niagara Escarpment Parks system be established and include the development of 10 major parks; and — that the administration of development applications in the escarpment planning area be delegated to the local municipalities.

ACTON TOWN HALL:

Still work to be done

Although there's still a family of four pigeons cooing contentedly from the now sturdy ceiling beams of the Acton town hall, inquiries are being made to rent various rooms in the downtown building.

Bower Street isn't finished yet, and the feathery tenants still have to fly the coop. Mr. Tyler took The Herald on a tour of the building this week, almost one and half years after the town hall renovations began.

At one time, the town hall had four chimneys, and they were all used to heat the two-storey building. "We'll be putting two chimneys on the north side, but they're false just to balance the other side," Mr. Tyler said.

upstairs washrooms. "We've shingled the roof; we've put eaves-troughing all around; and we've repaired the decorative facial boards," Mr. Tyler said tilting his head back to admire the exterior work.

Upstairs, offering a word of warning to "watch your step" because of the pigeon droppings, Mr. Tyler pointed out work still needs to be done on the decorative arch identifying the stage area of the medium-sized hall. A former stage door has now become a cupboard, and three ceiling lights, broken when pulled down, are to be remade by a Toronto craftsman.



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Asked if the forthcoming \$60,000 grant will be enough to accomplish all the work still to be done, Mr. Tyler said yes, confidently.

Both tin and wood ornamentations have been saved and Mr. Tyler said plans are to have one wall of each in the council chamber for historical purposes. "We'll likely use this room as a meeting room, probably for seniors," Mr. Tyler said.

Heritage Acton, a non-profit body with a board of directors made up of interested Acton citizens, recently became the proud owner of the historic downtown building for \$2. The transfer of ownership of the property was made by Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, and allowed Heritage Acton to lay claim to a \$60,000 Bicentennial grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Walking through a doorway, he said the former assessor's office and adjoining bathroom are to become a full-sized kitchen, and one of the former jail cells a janitor's closet. The jail cell will be restored, Mr. Tyler said.

Already, \$133,720, a federal grant by Canada Community Development, has been spent, as has the \$50,000 raised by Heritage Acton through the Acton lottery, the Leathertown Market and Ciderfest.

Cars damaged

Cars seemed to be the victims of many acts of wilful damage this week. Over the weekend, a vehicle parked in the driveway of the Madison Restaurant in Norval had its sides scraped with a sharp object, causing \$450 damage.

CNE BANDSHELL PERFORMERS



One way to "get those agents after us" for Zina Wykowski (above) of 1112 Brampton and Debbie Eyre Tilson of Georgetown is to do their stuff Aug. 16 at the CNE bandshell for Halton Hills day. The musical singing and dancing duo will be some of the talent entertaining CNE goers from noon to 4 p.m. in the CNE bandshell that day. Local residents are urged to choose Aug. 16 as their exhibition day and give local talent a big cheer.

If you haven't heard Jill Pomeroy, 19, of Georgetown singing in the local rock band Fox, you'll get a chance to hear her performing with Georgetown's Rod Gimpel, 23, at the Canadian National Exhibition bandshell. The singing team will be on stage sometime between noon and 4 p.m. Aug. 16, along with many other talented local performers.

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Campaign numbers

It campaign fever is tickling your tootsies, why not join the political junkies already in the thick of the political happenings. To help you get in touch with the stripe of your color, The Herald has published a list of campaign office numbers below.

Volunteering for a candidate is one way of getting to know your neighbors, or wearing out a pair of ugly but comfortable shoes.

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