

# Current quarry operation discussed during meeting

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How would Acton residents react to a lake instead of a garbage dump?

United Aggregates Quarry operations supervisor Bill Burkart told members of the Acton quarry study group Aug. 17 that so much water is actually being pumped out of the quarry you could "slope the sides and have a nice lake."

Mr. Burkart was on hand to detail the current operations in the quarry which is proposed for a landfill site once the rest of the rock is extracted in about three years.

Once the current quarry is finished United Aggregates will extract about 60 million tonnes of rock - about two million tonnes a year - from property across the road on land just to the south of the current quarry, said Mr. Burkart.

Asked if United Aggregates "took over commitments" made by the former owners Indusmin, to perform rehabilitation plans, Mr. Burkart said he didn't know anything about rehabilitation plans.

"Indusmin - when (United Aggregates) took over - burned most of their files," he said.

"It wasn't a smooth transition, that's for sure."

Residents were also given a detailed explanation of how the quarry will be cleared out and turned into a landfill site.

Michael Pullen of Consultants Marshall, Macklin, Monaghan said the site will be built in three overlapping cells.

The first phase will be 90 to 100 feet deep and once it's finished it will be graded and seeded.

Second and third phases will gradually overlap the previous cells (finishing with a one per cent grade (sloping one metre for every 100 metres).

During the operation of the landfill (which will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and possibly a half day on Saturday) the refuse will be covered with a layer of soil each day.

A three metre thick "confining wall" will be built just slightly ahead of the refuse pile up against the quarry wall to separate the landfill site from the fractured rock.

Between the confining wall and the quarry wall a gravel wall will be built to allow water flowing through the rocks to funnel down to the bottom of the quarry where it can be drained off.

A series of trenches and pipes will collect leachate - the poisonous liquid produced when rainwater percolates through the refuse - which will be kept separate from ground water.

Both will be pumped back into Black Creek. The leachate will first be treated to bring it to within government standards.

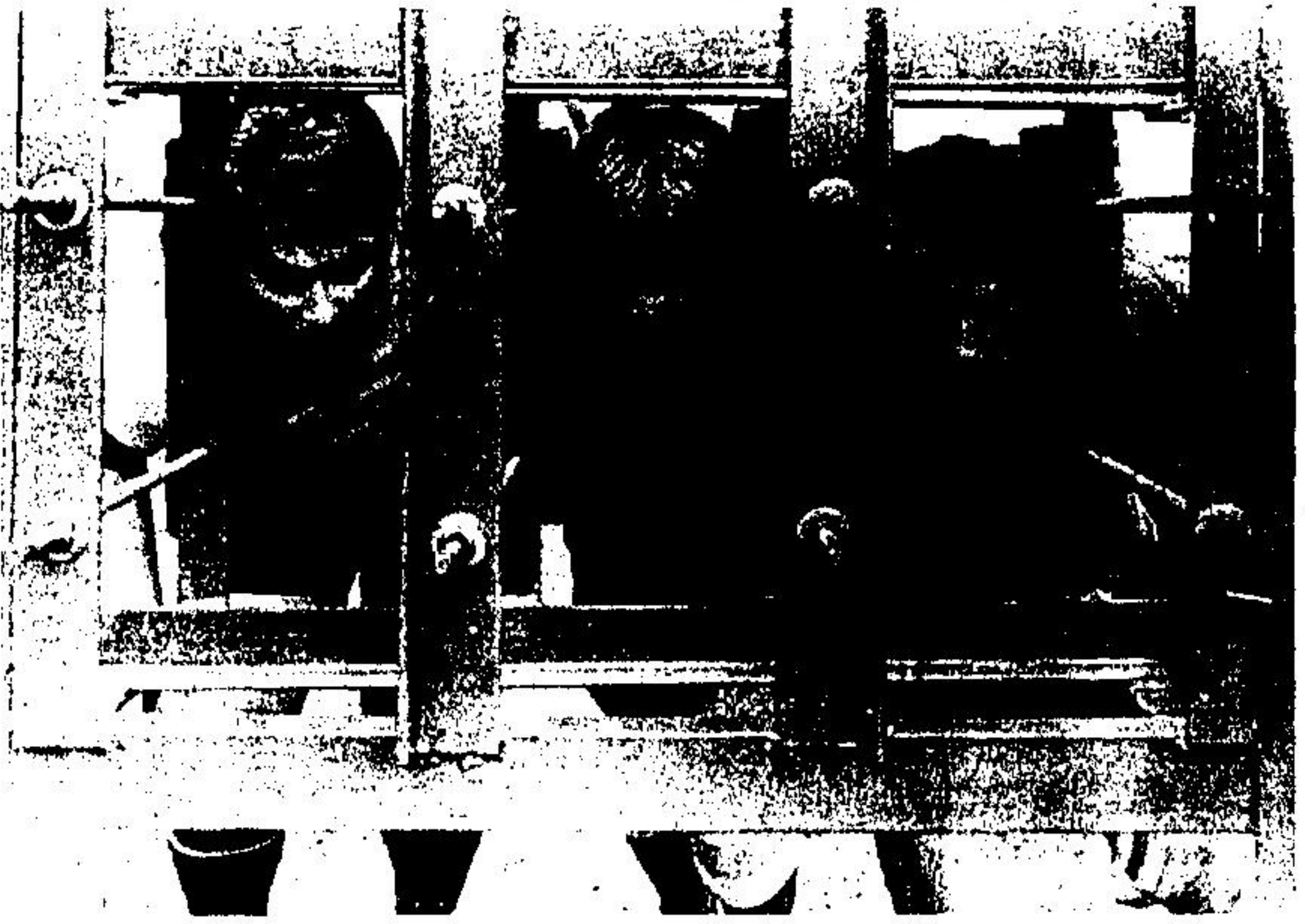
Mr. Pullen also discussed transportation problems surrounding the operation of the dump.

Trucking refuse in from all over Southern Ontario would increase truck traffic on Halton Hills' already heavily travelled truck routes but a rail line which runs through the site may not be the best alternative, he said.

Bringing garbage in by rail is not commonly done because of the extra step necessary to unload the cars and bring the garbage to the face of the dump, he said.

The hearings continue on Aug. 31 with a discussion of detailed hydrology at the quarry.

The meeting will take place at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena meeting room at 7 p.m.



The North Halton Rugby Club made it clear they weren't prepared to play the perfect host as they welcomed a touring side from Tonbridge, England for an exhibition match. The locals took a close decision, edging the visitors 14-9.

## Reding construction stalled

About 600 students may have to cram into facilities designed for 350, as construction is stalled at the new Bishop Reding High School site in Milton, according to the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board last week. The school's new Main Street, Milton location will replace the interim school rented from the Halton Board of Education at Speyside, said the Catholic Board director Cliff Byrnes. The new school will not be ready for use until October.

A Georgetown trucker has been dubbed one of the "Highway 400 Heroes" for his part in helping to save a fellow trucker trapped in his rig after an accident last week. Bob Verheul was watching the 26-wheel rig driven by Paul de Valadares of Gravenhurst in his rear-view mirror as it flipped over on its side on Highway 400 near Bradford, July 25. Mr. Verheul twisted a fuel hose to stop it from leaking and clamped it with a vice grip to prevent a fire from starting.

Should the Halton-Mississauga



ambulance workers leave their jobs, to walk the picket lines, it won't affect residents in Halton Hills, said Halton Hills Ambulance Service President Doug MacLeod. He said the town has its own service with volunteer and part-time members who don't belong to the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), unlike their counterparts south of Halton.

One of the oldest and largest poultry producers in Southern Ontario is getting even bigger. Maple Lodge Farms, on Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Norval, already employs 925 people but with a \$15 million addition expected to be completed by early October, the firm work force will increase by another 10 per cent, said Maple Lodge Farm

president Larry May, whose eight family members co-operate in running the farm. The addition on the north side of the building will add more than 150,000 sq. ft., increasing the production and storage space by about 30 per cent, said Mr. May.

A Brampton man died following a single-car accident south of Norval Monday night. Halton Regional Police said John Camara, 25, of John Street in Brampton, was ejected from a 1973 Volkswagen when it rolled over several times, after leaving the road. The car went out of control while eastbound on Sideroad 5 west of Winston Churchill Boulevard around 7 p.m. Mr. Camara and a passenger, Randy Newman, 25, also of Brampton, were taken to Peel Memorial Hospital. Mr. Camara was transported to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto where he died of "massive chest injuries", say police.

Willow Park trailer residents have been given a reprieve. The 29 residents who live in mobile homes have asked for, and received, a "hearing of necessity".

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