

Quarry expansion threatens water

The expansion of the Acton quarry near Limehouse, could have a negative impact on Georgetown's water supply, town councillors learned at Monday night's council meeting.

A report sent to council by the Town of Milton suggests that current quarrying at the United Aggregates' pit west of Limehouse could be negatively affecting Georgetown's water supply and therefore any expansion to the quarry could add to the potential problem.

As a result of the Milton revelation, council directed staff to prepare a report on the matter.

Existing quarrying is now "depleting and diverting" surface and groundwater resources from the Sixteen Mile Creek watershed to the Black Creek watershed - a key resource area for Georgetown's water supply, the report revealed. It also noted that the company has not provided a study on the impact the diversion is having on the environment.

The report comes in the wake of a request by the local environmental group Ecology Awareness Group - Landscape and Environment to prevent the expansion of the Acton quarry.

E.A.G.L.E. is asking that the Niagara Escarpment Plan be amended so that United Aggregates only be allowed to quarry about 75 acres out of a possible 300.

The lands under question are too environmentally important to be quarried, E.A.G.L.E. representative Giuseppe Gori argued.

The Milton report suggests that E.A.G.L.E.'s request accurately reflects the intent of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, "...a much more restrictive designation would have been imposed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission had the lands in question not been licensed for quarrying in 1972, well prior to the Niagara Escarpment Plan coming into effect," the report indicated.

Calm maintained during incident

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Upon reflecting back on the incident, he noted, "throughout all of this, people were calm and collected." He said he "could not believe" how calm things were during the incident.

"The staff, as you can imagine, were shook up," Mr. Sury said.

The morning after the incident, the school had an assembly which all the students and staff attended, Mr. Sury said. He noted that the attendance for that school day was the same as any other school day. Mr. Sury said the assembly was an internal school affair. "We felt we wanted to have that sort of privacy for ourselves."

At the assembly the students were given updated information on the condition of their fellow students.

It also allowed the students to express "their emotions about what transpired," Mr. Sury said.

He added the students displayed the "whole gamut of emotions."

Feelings ranged from helplessness to being scared to some students being angry, he said.

Mr. Sury added there was an understanding by many of the students that they wanted to be at the school. He admits, however, that a number of students have said they were scared to go back to school.

That night, the staff members who were involved most intensively in the incident, got together and spoke openly on their feelings about the shootings.

The board of education has told teachers they can have a couple of days off to get themselves together enough to be able to teach efficiently again, Mr. Sury said.

The board's director, Bob Williams, said he believes this is an isolated incident.

Mr. Sury is grateful for all the correspondence sent to the school offering support. "I just can't speak highly enough of it," he said.

Brakes put on lead feet

Double check those speed limit signs.

Starting Thursday if you had been caught speeding, accidentally or otherwise, you will have noticed that speeding fines have more than doubled.

Under a new system a ticket fine for going 15 kilometres over the speed limit has been raised from \$18.75 to \$37.50.

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For going 35 to 49 kilometres over the speed limit the fine is \$6 per kilometre. This means if you are travelling at 89 kilometres per hour in a school zone of 40 kilometres per hour, the fine will be \$294.

Fifty kilometres and over forces the ticket to be settled in court.

Dart teams advance

SPORTS: Our dart players have been very successful in the Legion playdowns. R. Scarlett and B. Beaumont along with Alex Tough and Dennis Thorogood have advanced to the provincial contest to be played in Fort Erie on April 21.

CAR CLUB: By the time you are reading this it will be less than two weeks to the big draw. Make a note of the date, March 9. Winners for the week of Feb. 15 - 217 Gary Alton, 395 Hal Hulme, 97 Ruby Bailey, 186 Hank and Mary Russell, 382 Paul Mastalerz, 185 Marg Shorthill, Ella Morton, Feb. 22 - 191 John Dunlop, 442 Brenda Everett, 192 Marg Clarke, 479 George Sargent, 444 D and P Chamberlain, 74 Betty Caldwell.

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE: High lady - Vi Hewitt, second Marion McGugan, most lone hands, Mae Tost. High gent - Lois Richardson, second Ernie Peasey, most lone hands, Bert Porter.

IN-HOUSE EUCHRE: Eight teams competed for the Dean S. Harley Memorial Trophy last Saturday afternoon. The team of Doug Logan and Doug Harlow picked up the trophy. Runners up were Marg and Chuck Tutty. The



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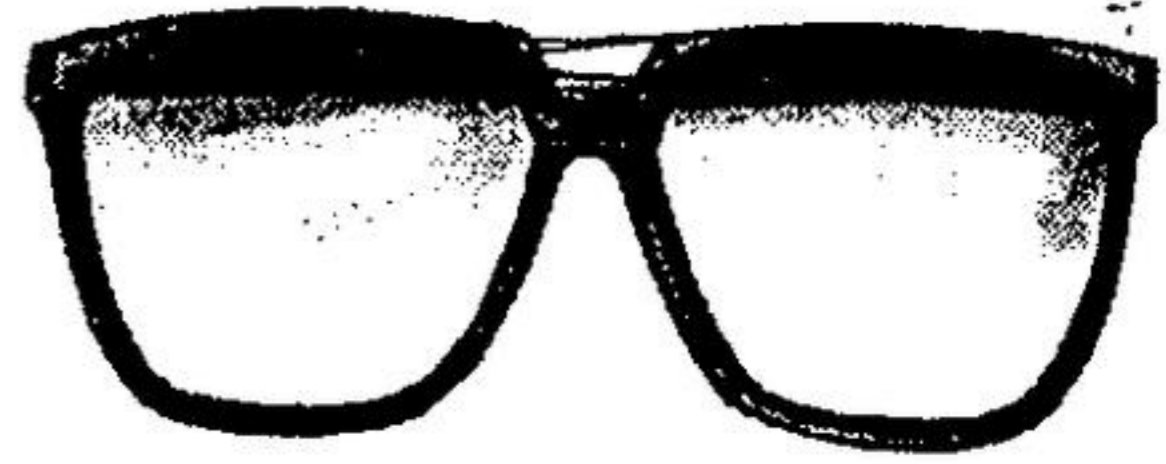
best losers were Paul Yates and Bob Dumper. A big hand to Leanne Hall for running this event.

On March 17 the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance. For further information give Marg Tutty (877-0618) or Grace Harrison (877-9263) a call.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MEAT DRAW: Red Roshier, Mary Russell, Bill Kirk, Gib Telford, Dot Richardson, Pauline McNeilly, Gertrude Kolthoff, Joe Poirier, Vi King were all winners. The big winner was Harold Badham who took home the roast.

The provincial service officer will be visiting Branch 15 in Brampton on March 12. Any veteran or dependent who wishes an interview to contact Buster Hale, who will arrange same.

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