

Action is needed now on quarry landfill proposal

By BARBARA HALSALL

Urgent! A private company, Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) is still proceeding with their plan to bring garbage from all of Ontario to the Acton Quarry in the Niagara Escarpment. In spite of the fact that the Niagara Escarpment, a unique natural wonder, is now recognized by the United Nations as a Biosphere Reserve, current legislation gives no protection against landfills.

Because Georgetown, Acton and all the farms in between drink well water that comes from the water bearing layer of rock (aquifer) that the quarry has dug through, you may be concerned about water contamination. Hydrogeologists that Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) has contacted see this as a dangerous plan.

RSI expect to collect the ooze from the bottom of the landfill (leachate) which will have some treatment before being discharged to Black Creek, you may have some concerns about the fish population in Black Creek or about Georgetown's Test Well No. 15 downstream. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) commenting on this proposal (comments just released to the media) find "the Environmental Assessment unacceptable (their emphasis) because of the serious implications that the proposal will have upon the fisheries habitat and aquatic environment of Black Creek."

MNR are also concerned about the site selection process where alternative sites were not properly examined. P.O.W.E.R. has said from the beginning that the Acton Quarry as a site for garbage would never stand up to a proper comparison with other sites. MNR comments raise this same issue.

You may have other concerns about additional garbage truck traffic clogging our roads, as the



aggregate trucks will still be there. You may worry about the effect on property values. You may have concerns about dust, noise, odor, vermin or sea gulls.

Whatever your concerns get those FACTS BY FAX OR PHONE TO RUTH GRIER AND BOB RAE ON FRIDAY AUGUST 16th OR FAILING THAT MONDAY, AUGUST 19th. LET'S TIE UP THE LINES.

Ruth Grier, in speaking to the May 15th demonstration at Queen's Park, said she could not arbitrarily say "no" to this proposal without it going to a hearing that will cost Halton Hills taxpayers millions. We pay for the Town to be represented, we pay for the Region to be represented and we pay provincial tax to fund the Environmental Assessment Board and MOE staff to be represented.

Your message can be short. Re: Acton Quarry Landfill Proposal

1. DO NOT ACCEPT RSI'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AS COMPLETE!
2. ISSUE A SECTION 11 ORDER TO MAKE RSI GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES.
3. HONOR PAST STATEMENTS. SAVE THE ESCARPMENT. STOP THE DUMP!

Niagara Escarpment Commission opposes this plan. Halton Region Conservation Authority opposes this plan. MNR find it unacceptable. The Town of Halton Hills opposes this plan.

In Ruth Grier's own words in the legislature Dec. 7, 1989, "... a great deal of effort goes into trying to prove points that, frankly, to our party are self evident, points such as the fact that you do not put sanitary landfill in a leaky quarry on the Niagara Escarpment where blasting has been going on for 10, 20 or 30 years. Surely it is obvious that this is not a candidate site for garbage."

We understand that a decision will be made in the next week. Take a few minutes to TAKE ACTION.

Honorable Ruth Grier, Minister of the Environment. Fax: 416-323-4682. Tel: 416-323-4360. Copy to Premier Bob Rae. Fax: 416-325-3745. Tel: 416-325-1941. Queen's Park Switch Board: 1-800-268-3747.

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