

## News at a Glance

### Acton Dump

# Environmental disaster predicted by Halton Region Chairman

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Halton Region will be facing an "environmental disaster" if the Acton dump proposal and the planned expansion of quarrying activity at the Acton quarry are allowed to go ahead, says Peter Pomeroy, Halton Region Chairman.

During a Regional Planning and Public Works Committee meeting, Wednesday, Chairman Pomeroy, justified this alarming comment, saying the two issues are inseparable.

The Acton quarry is located on both sides of Sideroad 22 just south of Acton. The quarry's owner, United Aggregates, is currently extracting aggregate from the site north of Sideroad 22. However, committee members learned Wednesday the company, in accordance with its quarry licence, intends to quarry the site south of Sideroad 22.

As a member of a consortium of companies that comprise Milton-based Reclamation Systems Incorporated, (RSI), United Aggregates, is also behind the Acton dump proposal. The dump site is proposed for that part of the Acton quarry north of Sideroad 22 once the extraction operation is completed.

Calling the projects 'asinine', Chairman Pomeroy said the Region



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must do everything possible to prevent the proposals from going ahead.

No one should believe Acton and Georgetown's water supply won't be negatively impacted if quarry blasting is permitted next to a dump, said the Chairman.

The quarry sits on top of the Amabel aquifer - a major water source for the Halton Hills area.

Directing his attention to Regional lawyer Mark Meneray, Chairman Pomeroy directed staff to determine what legal means Halton has available to prevent the projects from happening.

The direction came in the wake of a committee recommendation calling for the Niagara Escarpment Commission, (NEC), and the province to review United

Aggregates' quarry licence.

Committee members expressed concern that the company's licence, as it stands, permits United Aggregates to quarry two recognized environmentally sensitive areas on its property south of Sideroad 22.

At the very least, the province should prevent United Aggregates from quarrying these two recognized areas, committee members agreed.

The recommendation also calls for the NEC to determine if the company's quarrying activity complies with the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

The recommendation will go before Regional Council for final approval this Wednesday.

United Aggregates' representative, Brent Clarkson, appeared before committee members to oppose the recommendation.

The recommendation should be rejected, said Mr. Clarkson, because the province's Ministry of Natural Resources, (MNR), recognizes the company's licence as valid. As well, the MNR considers the quarry active, he said.

In response, Milton Regional Councillor Bill Johnson said, "MNR is in bed with the aggregate industry; always has been and always will be."



### Arthritis walker

Major Muhammed Abbas Ali from Pakistan started his 'Arthritis Walk for Humanity' on Sept. 3 in Niagara Falls while visiting his daughter. Mr. Abbas, a 70-year-old grandfather with arthritis, has since walked his way through Halton Hills and will complete a 450 km walk across Ontario to raise funds for arthritis research. (Pictured above, from left to right) arthritis volunteer from Toronto Angus Brown, Major Muhammed Abbas Ali, and Halton Hills area coordinator for the Canadian Arthritis Society Kathleen Douglass. (Herald Photo)

## Prosperity predicted for Halton Hills business community

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The population of Georgetown and surrounding area should be sufficient by 2011 to support a major department store, the likes of the Bay, Eatons or Sears, members of Halton Hills Urban Area Study Advisory Committee, learned Tuesday.

The Town's marketing consultant, Scott Morgan, told committee members if the greater Georgetown area reaches the expected population of 70,000 in 20 years time, then the area could support a sub-regional shopping centre.

Mr. Morgan defines a sub-regional shopping centre as one that includes a major department store. The three major department stores in Ontario are the Bay, Sears and Eatons, said Mr. Morgan.

Both Mr. Morgan and committee chair, Town Planning Director, Ian Keith, bent over backwards to stress final decisions concerning the Town's future commercial landscape rest solely with Halton Hills Council.

The Town's Urban Area Study is meant to provide council with a plan outlining where different types of housing could be located in Georgetown and Acton, as well as,

how the community's commercial sectors could be expanded.

Mr. Morgan pointed out the Town must find ways to encourage local residents to stay in Town to shop. Currently 50 per cent of shoppers in Halton Hills leave the area to spend their money, he said.

As a way of keeping people in Town and revitalizing Georgetown's downtown core, Mayor Miller suggested a relatively large grocery store be located in this area. This kind of store would draw other types of businesses to the location, predicted the mayor.

It would appear this type of new thinking may be necessary if Georgetown's downtown core is to prosper in future.

Mr. Morgan points out Georgetown's downtown businesses suffer from a "locational handicap."

He did point out, however, businesses in Georgetown's downtown core will experience a jump in sales as the the community's population increases.

## Election declarations

Two more local residents have declared their candidacy in the Nov. 12 municipal election.

Incumbent North-Halton French-language trustee on the Catholic school board, Ken Norman, 42, is seeking re-election, while incumbent Ward 2 Hydro Commissioner Murt Allison is also after another term in office.

Contacted Wednesday Mr. Norman said he is seeking re-election to ensure Sacre Coeur School gets a new building by 1993. That's when the lease on the school's current home - the old Wrigglesworth School - expires.

Mr. Allison couldn't be reached for comment because he is away on vacation until the end of the month.

## Police Beat

### Careless driver

A Milton man was charged with careless driving by police Sept. 7 after he struck a hydro pole with his 1987 GMC van. Police say the man was travelling north on 5th Line south of 10 Sideroad when he left the road for unknown reasons and struck a hydro pole. The Milton man wasn't injured in the accident.

### Car collision

An Acton woman's car was severely damaged Friday when she collided with a 1988 convertible driven by a Utopia man. Police say the Acton woman, driving a 1988 Nissan, had stopped for the amber light at Guelph St. and Sinclair Avenue. Police say the convertible driver stated he was unable to stop in time and struck the Nissan. The convertible was lightly damaged. Police charged the Utopia man with following too closely.

### Quote of the Week

"If you kids can't play with those guns nicely, I'll take them away from you."

Father in a Vancouver backyard - summer 1991.

## Liberal Association fundraiser a potpourri of PC potshots

On Wednesday 200 supporters of the Halton-Peel Federal Liberal Association gathered in The Olde Hide House in Acton for a very successful fundraising dinner with Senator Michael Kirby. Among those attending were provincial Liberal leadership candidates Steven Mahoney, Lyn McCleod and David Ramsay. Charles Beer, Steven Offer and Greg Sobara sent their regrets.

The Senator predicated that Brian Mulroney will not be leading the Progressive Conservatives into the next election. "He knows that he will lose and he simply is not big enough to face up to that. It will not make much difference anyway. The Tories will finish 5th with Mulroney and 5th without Mulroney. No policy change will turn this around."

According to Mr. Kirby the Mulroney government continues to make vital mistakes. While Canadians are concerned about taxes, the economy, jobs and the environment, the government is focussing on the constitution. The substance of the constitutional proposal, to be tabled in the House shortly, will be minimal. The process will be long drawn, but a charade. The Liberals take the view that the final decision should be made in a referendum. Liberal leader, Jean Chretien, was the first politician to propose this. The Conservatives are opposed to the idea. They know that any proposal, with Mulroney's name attached to it, is dead. The Liberal position remains that no transfer of powers from the Federal Government to the provinces should take place, unless it is in the public's interest to do so.

On Halton-Peel M.P. Garth Tuenr, Senator Kirby commented: "The only reason why Garth ran for Parliament is, that he can now write a weekly column in more respectable newspapers." As former business editor of The Toronto Sun, Garth Turner made a name for himself by writing about the need to reduce taxes and leading a tax revolt to Ottawa. As a Member of Parliament, he has voted for every tax increase the Mulroney government has proposed, according to Mr. Kirby.

The evening was concluded with a lampoon, written and performed by former M.P.P. Julian Reed, titled: "It's time to get out of the Kitchen, Brian." Julian Reed is planning to run for the next Liberal nomination in Halton-Peel.



### Feeding time

Brother and sister duo of Jason (left) and Katie Thomson enjoy feeding the animals of the petting zoo at last weekend's annual Acton Fall Fair. (Herald Photo)