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Tooting her own horn

Holly Owens, 16, shows off some of instruments from the Halton Hills Concert Band program during Saturday's Community Open House held at the Georgetown Market Place. More than 60 local groups showcased themselves via displays and demonstrations.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

Norval residents voice opposition to planned quarry

By PAM DOUGLAS
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Residents in the vicinity of the proposed Norval quarry told Brampton city officials at a public meeting Monday night that their main concern is their water supply.

"Everybody is on well water," an Old Pine Crest Road resident told the group of close to 100 at the City of Brampton-hosted public meeting.

"That's a big hole...Think about it. Where does the water go from here when you take the water out of this particular area? That's a big question."

Others echoed the concern that their wells will drain or run dry as Brampton Brick digs 30 metres down to extract shale from a 34.9 hectares (97 acres) site located east of Old Pine Crest Road, which is north of Bovaird Drive and east of Winston Churchill Boulevard, on the edge of the village of Norval.

Residents were told the peer reviews done on Brampton Brick's submission found some details and information were lacking in all areas, including

noise control, air quality, hydrogeological and the visual impact.

Brampton Brick has responded that it will follow up on the peer review comments and address all issues raised.

The city has now hired Hardy Stevenson and Associates to do a social impact assessment to better determine how the proposed quarry might impact area residents and businesses.

Monday night's open house was to collect feedback from residents, which will be included in Brampton planning staff's final assessment of the rezoning request.

A final staff report to Brampton city council with a recommendation to either allow the rezoning or refuse it is expected to come some time in the first three months of next year, Adrian Smith, the city's director of planning and land development, told the group.

However, the application is already in the hands of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The company appealed to the OMB in January.

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