

EDITORIAL

with Frances Learment

Acton's Festival and Fair

Sunday's Leathertown Festival – the 21st edition – was a success according to the BIA (Acton Business Improvement Area) organizers and the throngs of people who crowded Mill Street throughout the somewhat soggy afternoon to eat, have fun, be entertained and shop.

In many ways, the Festival was the pre-party for this year's Acton Fall Fair – the 99th edition – which is the social event of the year as thousands of people will flood Prospect Park for a weekend of all things agricultural and fun.

While the midway, food, Miss Acton pageant, games and demonstrations are huge draws, increased public interest in locally-grown food and the impact on food prices because of the dwindling number of family farms will also help the gate, and the bottom line of the Fair, which has three revenue sources – the beer tent, the gate and concessions.

Most people have no idea how much work it takes – most by volunteers – to stage events like the Leathertown Festival and Fall Fair. Several Acton Agricultural Society members take a week of their holidays at Fair time to help make it all happen.

Thanks to Festival organizers for helping show Acton in a positive and entertaining way. Thanks, in advance, to Fair officials for their dedication and hard work in staging, as billed, "The Best Little Fair in Ontario."



CURB APPEAL: Crews continue to reconstruct Commerce Crescent – including adding curbs – to improve the look of Acton's industrial area. – *Frances Learment photo*

Letters

Re: Quarry expansion

Calling all citizens of Acton and Halton Hills. The revised version of Dufferin/Holcim's expansion plan for the Acton Quarry is now available online on the NEC website at <http://tinyurl.com/8g9myt>. Please see PH 180.

While this proposal has been reduced in size, the impact on the local area is yet to be known. We all know and love the unique nature of our community, nestled on the Niagara Escarpment. Industrial use of this land may have many ramifications for future generations.

The Acton Quarry has been home to a variety of mining companies over the years, each

with their own plans. At one time it was even proposed to turn the then mined out quarry into a garbage dump. After a long fight, that proposal was stopped and the community heaved a sigh of relief. Each new expansion proposal brings with it a termination date as to when the quarrying will end. Each time end is in sight, a new expansion is put in the works.

How long can we let this go on? Do we wait until the pit stretches from the boundary of Acton to the bottom of the Escarpment? The Milton Quarry, also owned by Dufferin, is a good example of this mining

sprawl. Is this what we want for our community?

It takes a strong united front to prevent a mega quarry on our doorstep. Get involved. Let your voice be heard by sending your comments to the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Town of Halton Hills. Contact your councillor; talk to the Mayor.

The deadline for comments is August 27. Circle the date on your calendar and come out to the public meeting on Monday, September 24.

Sincerely,
C. Rumley
Acton, ON

Looking Back

Ten Years Ago

- Canadian veterans will be honoured by having the former Highway 25 – including the section from Acton south to Milton – named Halton's Veterans' Roadway.
- Town Council put some teeth into the existing responsible Pet Owners Bylaw after a series of dog attacks on four humans and another dog by a Pit Bull belonging to an Acton resident.

Five Years Ago

- Halton police want help finding the person(s) responsible for desecrating the Max MacSween Memorial Gardens by ripping out several plants and stealing a dedication plaque from a large rock in the Rotary Park garden.
- Although it rained long and hard – the 16th annual Leathertown Festival still drew large crowds to the downtown area to shop, eat and be entertained.



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