

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Employment Opportunity

School Crossing Guard –(Standby) Acton Locations

To assist elementary school children to cross roads safely at designated crossing locations in accordance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Corporation guidelines.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Must obey all established traffic safety regulations to ensure that elementary school children going to and from school are assisted in crossing roadways at desired locations.
- To wear safety equipment supplied by the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills at all times while on duty.
- To report and document any problems, eg. weather conditions, children, and motorists, to supervisor.
- Must be physically fit and be able to stand and walk for prolonged periods of time and carry a hand held stop sign.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Community minded citizen of good character who is fit, alert, dependable and understands school aged children.
- Ability to take children safely across busy intersections, in a quick, orderly, and safe manner.
- Willing to work in diverse weather conditions for up to 1 hour shifts, twice daily.
- Ability to follow directions and procedures
- Successful applicant must obtain a Security Clearance Check certificate from Halton Regional Police Services at applicant's expense.
- No formal school crossing guard experience required, but would be an asset.

The salary range for this position is \$16.08/hour (per shift).

Qualified candidates may submit a resume in confidence by January 4, 2013 to:

Human Resources
Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2 Fax: (905)873-1431
Email: humanresources@haltonhills.ca

We thank all those who apply, but advise that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, C.25) and will be used to select a candidate. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager of Human Resources.

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MUSICAL MINISTRY: Father Mark Curtis (second from right) entertained an appreciate crowd at St. Alban's Anglican Church on Sunday night. Prior to his performance he met with Walter Gretzky, The Reverend Brian Galligan and Father Robert Héту. – Ted Tyler photo

Science Matters

By David Suzuki



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world." These words, attributed to anthropologist Margaret Mead, capture the power that we, as citizens, have to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to protect the environment.

It just happened in Ontario, where Highland Companies announced it was withdrawing its plan to build a massive open-pit limestone quarry in the rural countryside north of Toronto. The controversial proposal to blast a billion tonnes of limestone beneath some of the finest farmland in North America initially drew the ire of a handful of local farmers and residents who faced overwhelming odds to stop it.

Rules governing aggregate mining in the province are weak, provide little protection against large projects and too often sacrifice prime agricultural land and nature to industry. And it's easy to understand why cash-strapped, rural-based municipalities would be tempted to accept industrial projects, with their promise of local employment and an improved tax base.

Making the battle against the quarry more challenging was the fact that Highland was backed by a Boston hedge fund, the Baupost Group, with assets of more than \$25-billion. It was also represented by Hill and Knowlton, the high-priced PR firm that infamously worked with Big Tobacco to convince smokers that cigarettes don't cause cancer.

Citizens rallied, though, and showed that the real issue was the protection of local food lands and

drinking water, things of importance well beyond the borders of their community. Opponents of the mega-quarry reached out to people who may not have considered how they would be affected if a company succeeded in destroying thousands of acres of fertile fields close to a large urban centre like Toronto.

Groups like the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce successfully brought the battle to the city, through tireless outreach at events like farmers markets. Thousands of "Stop the Mega Quarry" signs sprouted in yards in towns and cities across southern Ontario.

In 2011, renowned chef Michael Stadlander, from the nearby community of Singhampton, produced Foodstock with the Canadian Chefs Congress and local farmers. The protest event drew 28,000 people to a farm field a few hundred metres from where the quarry would be built.

This past October, that celebration of local food and protest was replicated in Toronto, when the David Suzuki Foundation (which had earlier provided scientific research and submissions for the regulatory process) and the Canadian Chefs' Congress hosted Soupstock. More than 200 top chefs from Canada and the U.S. prepared gourmet soup from donated local ingredients for more than 40,000 supporters. They sent a strong message to the company that urbanites stand in solidarity with the farmers of Melancton to oppose the mega-quarry.

Soupstock showed the movement was gaining momentum, but no one predicted that Highland would raise the white flag a month later.

People power won! And it wasn't the first time it's happened in Canada.

In 1984, I heard about a controversial plan to log the pristine Stein Valley, the last untouched watershed in the southern Coast Mountains, northeast of Vancouver. The battle to protect the Stein began with a small group of conservationists and scientists but soon grew to include tens of thousands. In 1988, the B.C. government placed a moratorium on logging. A few years later the area was protected through the creation of the 1,060-square-kilometre Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux Heritage Park.

Similar grassroots victories have helped stop logging on Haida Gwaii, prevented giant dams from being built in northern Quebec and halted highway projects that, if established, would have wiped-out historical neighbourhoods in downtown Toronto and Vancouver.

Canada's political and corporate leaders should take note. Controversial megaprojects like the Northern Gateway Pipeline are being met with increasing criticism and public opposition.

Although we'll celebrate this victory over the mega-quarry, the Ontario government must also seize this call to overhaul its policies for aggregate mining that allowed the proposal to be considered in the first place. No community should have to fight so hard to ensure that prime farmland and valuable nature aren't sacrificed to the interests of big business.

But for now, we can savour our success. Together, tens of thousands of people accomplished something that only months ago seemed impossible: stopping the mega-quarry.