

Steering committee selected for proposed farmers' market

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About 65 people turned out for an information meeting on the proposed downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market Tuesday night.

At the meeting a steering and executive committee was selected to get the market up and running by this summer.

Heather Burke, president of the executive committee, said response at the meeting to the concept of a farmers market in town was overwhelmingly positive.

Bob Chorney, executive director of Farmers Markets of Ontario, was on hand to provide a slide presentation and discuss farmers markets

that are currently operating in the province. Chorney said many markets have grown tremendously over the past couple of years.

"It is clear that consumers are looking for this type of shopping and for the opportunity for the community to get together" said Burke.

She said the Georgetown market will be producer driven.

"We want to ensure that it doesn't turn into a flea market," said Burke.

She added several Halton area farmers were at the meeting, and expressed interest in participating in the market.

"The local growers will definitely be given the first opportunity to come on board," said Burke. Some

producers of fruits and vegetables that aren't grown in this area will also be represented at the market.

Burke said it will be up to the organizers of the market to decide who they want to sell at the market, based on a jury-type process.

The mix of vendors at the market hasn't been determined yet, but if there are products other than produce sold, they will have to be hand-crafted.

For example a local wood furniture maker, or handmade crafts could be other items sold at the market.

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the market should contact Burke at 877-7364 or executive vice president Bert Andrews at 878-5807.

Miller fires angry words on United Aggregates site plan

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Mayor Russ Miller fired some angry words at a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) official last Monday during an information meeting regarding the new United Aggregates Site Plan.

Miller is upset that a portion of the Third Line and Regional Rd. 43 (22 Sideroad), in the area of the Acton quarry, have been removed from the plan. The deletion of the roads decreases the quarry area from 575 acres to 549.

"There is \$27 million worth of aggregates in those roads," said Miller to Stuart Thatcher, senior policy advisor in the Aggregate and Petroleum Resources section of the MNR. "That is what you have taken out of town coffers."

Thatcher told Miller that the roads were mistakenly included in

the 1972 Indusmin site plan of the quarry. United Aggregates took over the quarry operation in 1985 and new site plans were required in conjunction with the Aggregate Resources Act which replaced the Pits and Quarries Control Act in 1990.

"The site plan should never have reflected the road allowance," said Thatcher. "The company didn't own the roads, and it was an error that they were included."

Thatcher said while the road area can't be mined by United Aggregates, the town has the authority to mine the Third Line



RUSS MILLER

and utilize the aggregate.

"We can't afford to buy the machinery or equipment (to extract the aggregates). We are not in the quarrying business," said Miller.

Miller said the town had a verbal agreement with Indusmin which included the roads in the site plan.

"We will be consulting with our solicitor on the matter," said Miller after the meeting.

Vice-president of United Aggregates Ltd., Bill Burkhart, contacted after the meeting, said United Aggregates doesn't have an agreement with the region or the town regarding Third Line and Region Rd. 43.

He added they do have an agreement to replace the portion of the Third Line that has already been mined.

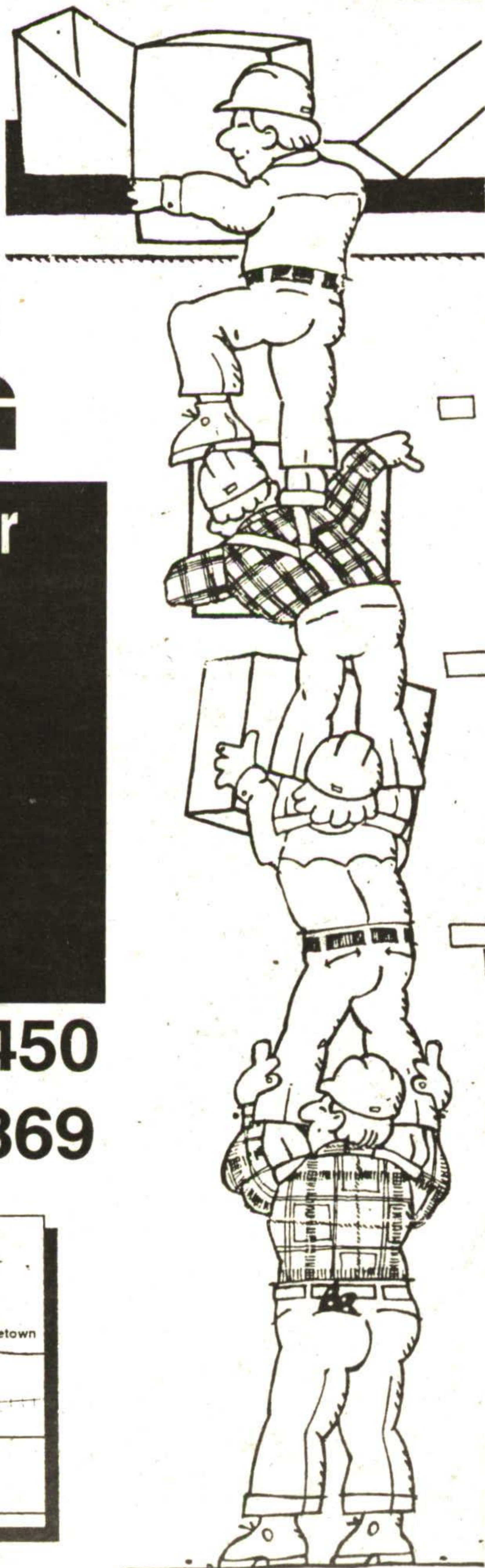
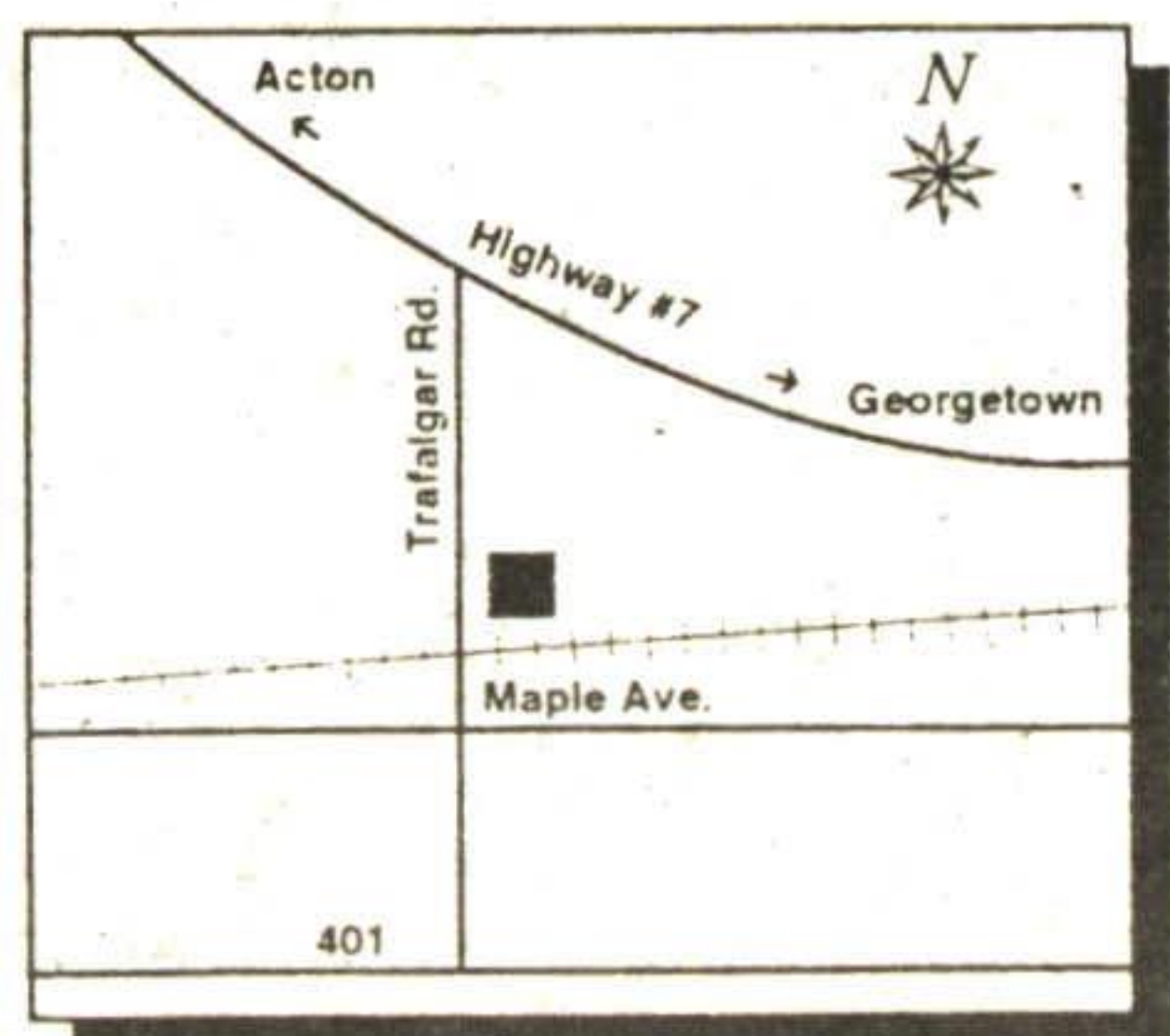
Burkhart added United Aggregates is pleased the site plan has been completed.

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