



Quarry focus on finances

The focus was on financial impacts on the land and on affected property owners when the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) made its bi-monthly delegation to Guelph/Eramosa Township Council on Monday. The group continues to question James Dick Construction's proposal for a quarry on Highway 7 at the Sixth Line between Acton and Rockwood as Council deals with Dick's rezoning application, required as part of the extraction licence process.

"When will Guelph Eramosa Council engage a suitably qualified consultant (individual or corporation), using existing tendering procedures, to carry out an economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed Hidden Quarry?" asked CRC spokesman Perry Groskopf in front of the standing-room only council chambers crowd.

With expert data cited during a successful citizen fight against Dick's plans for a quarry in neighbouring Caledon that shows potential five to 25 per cent drops in property values within five-miles of quarry operation, the CRC said those findings should serve as a caveat to Guelph/Eramosa Township which must also know if there are additional costs due to unsuccessful mitigation of physical risks and to municipal overhead costs. "It would be fiscally irresponsible to assume that similar negative, long-term economic consequences would not accrue from the proposed Hidden Quarry as well," Groskopf said.

Mayor Chris White said the CRC's request is premature. "We can't be hiring folks and spending money on a consultant until we know exactly

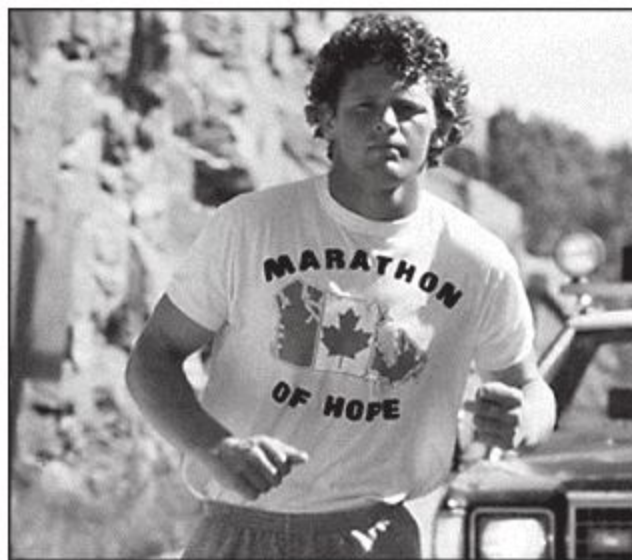
what we're looking at," White said, adding he needs to know if a drop in property values would be accepted as a valid argument by the Ontario Municipal Board, where all are certain the issue will end up.

CRC member Michelle Dawe took offence when Mayor White suggested that Caledon had more resources to fight a James Dick Construction quarry in that town. "Mr. Mayor, (Caledon) may be bigger, but we have just as much to lose," Dawe said.

CRC member Dan Kennelly said a thorough and proper evaluation of the impacts is needed now. "It's not something that can wait until after the evaluation - it has to be part of the evaluation - we want to understand what the impacts of this application are..." he said.

The CRC asked councillors to study a report from MPAC - the body that sets tax rates - indicting it gave residential property owners abutting an active or proposed gravel pit a "-4% adjustment" for the 2012 assessment update. Residential properties within one-kilometre of an active or proposed gravel pit will get a two per cent property tax reduction.

Along with the economic issues, the group cautioned council to include legal fees should it approve the quarry because it could expect legal action if there was damage to persons and property due to fly rock from blasting operations. The CRC said Dick's under-water mining techniques planned at the Hidden Quarry are "untried and unproven technology" which could also result in increased costs for the Township and taxpayers.



Fox Run a success

Thanks to the efforts of 38 people who ran, walked and biked through the streets of Rockwood on Sunday in the annual Terry Fox Run, there is \$9,490 more for cancer research.

Organizer Steve Thomson thanked participants and volunteers who helped continue Fox's Marathon of Hope in the village.

TOWNSHIP SHORTS

QUILT QUEEN

Congrats to Elaine Williamson of Rockwood who earned top prizes in the recent Owen Sound Fair Quilt competition, the 16th annual *Fruits of Our Labour* show that featured over 80 quilts from all over Ontario hung from an arena ceiling in an impressive kaleidoscope of home-made colour.

Williamson took the red ribbon on a crib quilt called *Especialty for Eloise*, and also was awarded first on a wall hanging named *Ayubova*.

KID'S CONCERT

A multi-talented musician and a teacher of children's dance and theatre will entertain at a community concert hosted by Rockwood Nursery School on September 28 at Rockmosa at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are available at Rockwood Nursery School, T & A Automotive, or at the door.

TATTOO SURVEY

Tattoos: love them or hate them, the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Department wants to know what people aged 16 to 35 have

to say on tattooing and body piercing, including factors that influence the decision about whether or not to get a tattoo or body piercing.

It wants to know what types of resources are helpful when considering receiving a tattoo, body piercing or other body art.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary and participants will be entered in a draw for one of eight \$25 gift cards.

Survey results will be published in a written report. For more information contact Katherine at katherine.paphitis@wdgpublichealth.ca or 519-846-2715 ext. 4621.

POLICE REPORT

GRENADE FOUND

A bomb technician from Canadian Forces Base Borden removed a WWI grenade from a Guelph/Eramosa Township property last Tuesday. The homeowner found the grenade in a box and believed it had been kept by a relative as a souvenir.

OPP remind residents that if they find an explosive device or any other device they are unsure of, not to touch it and call police.

POT SEIZED FROM TRUCK

A 41-year-old Guelph/Eramosa Township resident was charged with possession of less than 30-grams of marijuana following an OPP R.I.D.E. spot check stop last Wednesday at 3:37 p.m. on Jones Baseline Road. Officers detected a "strong odour" of marijuana,

which was turned over to police, when they pulled over a 2005 Ford pickup-truck. The accused appears in court on October 18 in Guelph.

SHARE THE ROAD

OPP remind motorists that it is harvest season and there are many slow moving farm vehicles on the road. OPP offer these tips to safely share the road:

- Recognize slow moving vehicles by the orange triangle and use caution.
- Farm vehicles travel around 35 km/h. Slow down when you see farm equipment on the road and be prepared to stop.
- Watch for left turns. Not all farm vehicles have turn signals - watch for farmer's signalling a turn using the same hand signals as a bicycle rider.
- Be aware that farmers with long or broad equipment sometimes need to


make a wide turn. If a tractor swings right, be careful, it may be starting a left turn.

- The farmer may be unable to pull off the road due to equipment weight or shoulder issues. Wait for a safe opportunity to pass.

- Leave a wide berth when passing. Some farm equipment takes up more than one lane and some pieces of equipment have pieces protruding that can be hard to see.

- When finished passing, don't stop or slow down in front of the farm vehicle. Large equipment can't brake as quickly as a car.

Remember to be courteous with farm vehicle operators, treat them as you would any other vehicle driver on the road. Aggressive driving isn't just unsafe, it's against the law. Aggressive drivers should be reported to police.



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 All players will be asked to show up by 6:15 to register

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