

# NEWS

## Dufferin is a ‘proactive’ company: Somerville

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been stretched. We only have a year and a half left on the current quarry.”

He noted that further delays could result in more layoffs.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said he wouldn’t support deferring a decision on the quarry.

“I understand Councillor Elgar’s concerns, but this has been going on for six or seven years. It’s not a decision that just came up,” he said.

He went on to note that Dufferin’s plans would benefit the community. The company is planning to add 318 hectares to the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space system following rehabilitation of the spent quarry lands. In total 438 hectares are being conveyed to the Town of Halton Hills.

Halton Hills Wards 3 & 4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal also spoke in favour of Dufferin’s application.

“There are a lot of different quarries out

there, but when it comes to haul routes I have to say this is the gold standard,” she said, applauding the company’s advanced haul route monitoring system that will ensure truck traffic doesn’t go through Georgetown.

Dufferin’s haul route agreement also sets out a complaint response protocol that will have to be followed.

The company’s proposal comes along with an adaptive management plan, which is designed to protect ground water and surface water for residential wells, water supplies and natural heritage features.

Wards 1 and 2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville noted Dufferin has been a “very proactive” company in its current operations and is quick to address any issues that arise.

Dufferin first filed an application for the expansion of its quarry in 2009. At that time the proposal was for a 99-hectare expansion, but it has since been scaled down to the current plans for 48.4 hectares.



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