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Acton truck bypass important

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Wards 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal said creating a truck bypass for Acton is "of the most important things we could be doing."

"I think we should be making a case that there shouldn't be a quarry until there's an appropriate transportation system to deal with it," she said.

She asked how long it would take to complete the haul route study and build a bypass.

Commissioner of Planning and Infrastructure Chris Mills said the study in itself would take one to two years to complete.

"This is not a short-term solution," he

Fogal went on to ask if it's possible to ban trucks from turning at Main and Mill streets that can't safely do so.

"Any discussion about that would need to be had with the Ministry of Transportation," said Mills. "Ultimately they have the jurisdiction on traffic control (on Hwy. 7)."

Fogal noted that allowing trucks to make turns that infringe on sidewalks is completely at odds with the Town's efforts to get more people walking and cycling.

"Just letting them run around like it's the wild west is ridiculous," she said.

(Angel Trumpet)

Other concerns raised by Bonnette and Hurst included the loss of flora and fauna on the quarry property and the potential negative effects of blasting below the water table - an uncommon practice that isn't currently being used in Ontario.

Hurst echoed the mayor in that Halton Hills is not an anti-quarry municipality, pointing to the long-time Dufferin Aggregates quarry in Acton.

"We here in Halton Hills know and understand the need for aggregate, the positive and negative effects of a quarry and the benefits of working together with willing quarry owners," he said.

Bonnette, Regional Chair Gary Carr and Halton Hills CAO Brent Marshall used the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference to meet with a variety of provincial leaders to discuss aggregate resource policy.

Ward 3 Councillor Moya Johnson, who also attended the AMO conference, commended the mayor for his efforts.

"He's like a dog with a bone. He went to every minister meeting he could and gave a presentation saying that this is not fair," she said. "Hopefully the ministers will listen and this will be done properly."



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