EAGLE angered by stalled amendment

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

Four-and-a-half years ago, Guiseppe Gori, former chair of Ecology Awareness Group — Landscape and Environment (EA-GLE), initiated an amendment to get the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) to preserve treed areas under its jurisdiction of natural protected land.

Last Wednesday, Acton residents Kit and Pat Woode watched as trees were being burned on the east side of Third Line and 22 Sideroad. The land, which is owned by United Aggregates Lim-

ited (UAL), is part of the Acton Quarry and will be used for mining purposes.

What angers the Third Line residents and EAGLE members is that the NEC hasn't even heard the amendment. Neither has the NEC heard an amendment initiated two years ago concerning a piece of forest land on the west side of Third Line known as Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) 28.

The Woode's concern stems from a licence granted to UAL in 1972. At that time, the Pits and Quarries Control Act replaced the Niagara Escarpment Act.

When an act is replaced, there is a requirement to replace the site plans in order to get a new licence. All changes to site plans must also involve public consultation before approval by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The Woodes believe that UAL's current licence is illegal based on those requirements.

"We have researched from top to bottom — looked at papers in the archives and even talked to people who once lived in the area," says Pat Woode, chair of EAGLE.

"In the original site plan the quarry owned 150 acres. Now the site plan reads 575 acres, but there is no proof of public consultation."

Woode adds that even Mayor Russ Miller didn't believe the 1972 licence was valid at the time.

Woode says all quarries were given a licence with no questions asked when the Aggregate Resources Act replaced the Pits and Quarries Control Act in 1990.

"We were led to believe that when the licence was renewed we'd have some input," states Woode. "Then we were told, after the site plans were requested we could comment. We never did get the opportunity."

Woode points out that the site plan approved in December 1993 encompassed the Third Line and 22 Sideroad area.

Woode has contacted MNR and was told nothing will be done because UAL can mine if they have a licence.

"I feel like I'm playing by one set of rules and the MNR are play-

ing by another."

Woode says EAGLE will continue pursuing the amendment and question how the site plan changes could be approved without public

consultation.

The group, which started in 1988, will also lobby for the enforcement of rules and regulations in terms of licences and site plans.



Last Wednesday trees on a piece of the Acton quarry land, owned by United Aggregates Limited, were burned to clear the land for mining purposes. Third Line residents are upset an amendment to preserve treed areas has not yet been examined by the Niagara Escarpment Commission. (Doug Harrison photo)

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Katsilieris to talk pizza with parents?

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Andy Katsilieris would like to address the parents of the Catholic Parents and Teachers Association (CPTA), and he might get his wish.

The owner of Andy's Restaurant and Pizzeria would like to discuss the advantages of doing business with his Acton restaurant.

As reported in last week's Tanner, St. Joseph's Separate School is the lone Acton school which doesn't use Andy's pizza for its Pizza Day activity.

"I want to talk to the parents. I don't want to talk to one person," says Katsilieris, who adds that in the past week, about 50 to 70 people have supported his comments that schools should shop in town.

St. Joseph's principal Robert Maggio says the Pizza Day issue might be discussed at the CPTA's monthly meeting on Feb. 7 if the parents feel it's necessary. Maggio, along with St. Joseph's pizza organizer Anna Wood, refused further comment on the issue.

"Wood never contacted me about pizza," Katsilieris contends. "The kids are paying for the pizza, so it should be their decision." Wood, who deals with Pizza Delight in Georgetown, has said she's never conducted a preference poll.

"If the kids don't like my pizza that's fine, but I know kids like it," concludes Katsilieris.

Bonnette concerned about security at Beardmore

Acton councillor Rick Bonnette is concerned about security on the 400 square foot Beardmore property, owned by Maple Leaf Foods.

"I just hope that if security is discontinued on the Beardmore property in the future, it is closed in a secure and safe fashion for everyone," stated Bonnette at Monday's council meeting.

"It would put my mind at rest if I knew there was a least someone guarding the building and property from vandalism."

Mayor Russ Miller assured Bonnette that local police will patrol the area until a suitable resolution is found.



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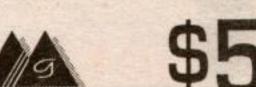
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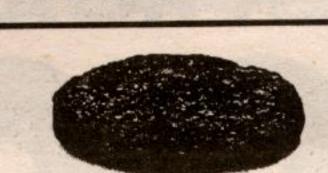


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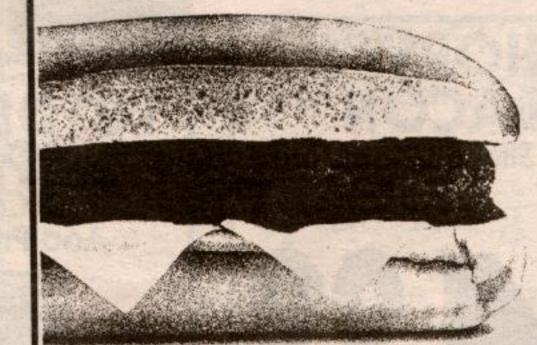
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