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## COOL DUDES!

These Acton Co-op Nursery School students were dressed for success at Friday's T-shirt and shades day. Back row: Courtney Kuhn, left, and Amber Price. Linda LaRose and Megan Hillier kneel in front. (Lori Frechette photo)

# Dump not dead yet

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The Acton Tanner

The company that wants to turn part of an abandoned Acton quarry into a mega-dump believes it has "some opportunities" to proceed with the plan, despite recent provincial legislation banning all landfills on Niagara Escarpment lands.

In an interview on Monday, Halton Hills counsel Stephen D'Agostino said that everyone should know shortly whether Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI) intends to go ahead with its controversial proposal to use a mined-out portion of the Acton Quarry for a massive dump.

"RSI have taken the position that they have some opportunities to proceed. They don't think that the law currently stopping them is lawful, although they haven't said that in a way that I can challenge," D'Agostino said.

Recently the Consolidated Hearing Board, the agency that

heard the RSI proposal, asked all parties to give an update on requests for costs. The Board has the power to order RSI to pay the costs of some or all of the parties that appeared before the Board in opposition.

The Town of Halton Hills has asked for \$500,000 to cover the costs of fighting RSI's plans.

D'Agostino said the next move is up to RSI.

"There really isn't a 'next' unless RSI takes another step."

Recently RSI filed a lawsuit against the Province and Premier Bob Rae over the way its proposal for the Acton quarry was handled.

## Water talks today

Will the Province give Halton a new water-taking permit and, in effect, turn on the tap so Acton can grow to 10,000 people?

That question will be answered today (Wednesday) at an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pre-hearing at the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

Halton Hills Deputy Planning Director Bruce MacLean set the scene for today's hearing in an interview on Monday.

"We anticipate that the discussion Wednesday will involve the Board members, the Ministry of Energy and Environment (MOEE) and Halton Region concerning the availability of a permit to Take

water. That will be the key issue for that day," MacLean said.

Growth in Acton has been on hold, while various agencies and levels of government attempted to prove that the proposed additional 3,000 people would not have adverse effects on the quantity and quality of water in Black Creek and Fairy Lake.

MacLean said the focus will be on the request for a permit to take more water for 726 new homes.

"The Region has a hold on the subdivisions and zoning for the new growth, pending the receipt of the permit to take water.

In turn, the Board has said it is  
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