

# Court holds key to quarry plans south of town

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The Acton Tanner

The courts hold the key to what United Aggregates Ltd. (UAL) will have to do to begin quarrying on the southern portion of its Acton quarry.

Until the court rules if the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) has jurisdiction over UAL's plans, the Ministry of Energy and

Environment will not issue a water taking permit for quarry operations on the south side of Regional Road 43.

UAL wants to take up to 500,000 imperial gallons of water a day from the quarry so it can mine the aggregate.

That amount of water scares some local homeowners who are worried about the long-term ef-

fects this may have on the quality and quantity of their water.

It has also raised concerns with two government regulatory bodies, the NEC and the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

In an interview on Friday, quarry neighbour Doris Mittwollen, a former member of a UAL working group and current member of the local group Ecology Aware-

ness Group Landscape and Environment (EAGLE), said citizens' concerns aren't being addressed as UAL rushes to get a permit.

"The quarry continues to take more and more water, yet their consultant reports that the area being influenced by the water taking continues to decrease. We can't fathom that," Mittwollen said.

UAL consulting hydrologist, Bill Clarke, with AGRA Earth and Environmentally Ltd., said the citizens don't understand the process.

"The mining process takes place relatively slowly over many, many, many years — nothing happens overnight. It's not like pulling a plug out of the bottom of a bathtub or anything," Clarke said in an interview on Friday.

"With the monitoring program that is in place we will see trends, and if we see something that is not very helpful for people's water

supply, or causes unacceptable interference, something can be done about it."

MOEE spokesman Steve Close said that UAL's application now falls under the Environmental Bill of Rights, which gives citizens the right to comment, audit and appeal development applications. The listing must remain on the EBR system for 30 days and that period ended Friday.

"It doesn't mean that first thing Monday morning we are signing the permit," Close said.

"We are still dealing with some technical issues with UAL and as well, the question that is still outstanding is the issue of a development permit from the NEC. Until that issue is resolved, we can't give UAL a permit to take water, although from the technical perspective we're very close to being in a position to issue the permit."

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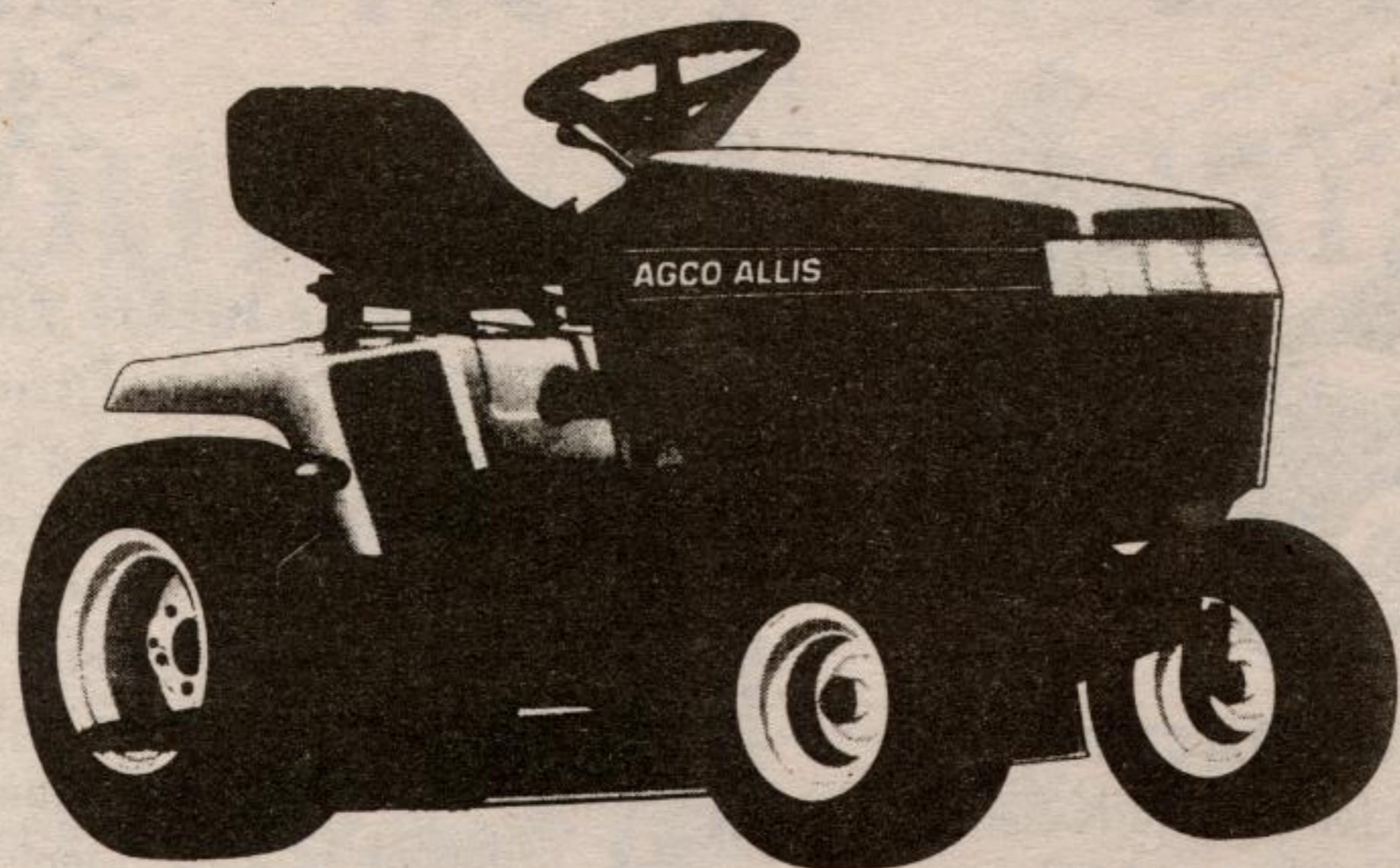
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BY MIKE MANUEL  
P.R.O. Branch 197

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The Newfie Night on June 10

was enjoyed by everyone, especially Bill Taylor, who won the Tyler Travel voucher for \$600.

Our weekly meat draw last Saturday seemed to be a day set aside for the Allen family, who walked away with five of the 11 prizes. Well done Doris and Charlie! Other winners include Ed Molody, John Toebes, Alison Willmott, Al Kent and the large prize went to Wally Ferguson.

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