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Dufferin Expansion

Ecological and hydrogeological studies done by Dufferin show that the quarry can be extended without significant impact on the environment, despite the proposed development of two small pockets of wetland (0.81 and 0.56 ha in area) and one small extension lobe (0.96 ha) of forest designated as an Area of Natural Scientific Interest/Environmentally Sensitive Area.

The floor was opened to questions following the presentation with many of the quarry's neighbours expressing their concerns. Issues of vibrations, dust, increased traffic, noise and water contamination were expressed by many. Also expressed were concerns about a crusher being used in the new site, the trucks hauling logs out as the site is developed and the haul of gravel across Town Line in the proposed extension.

Lowe admitted that Dufferin will probably put a new crusher in the extension which will run 22 hours per day.

"It will be well buffered in accordance to the noise analysis, using the right kind of crusher and the right kind of design."

Dufferin Aggregates maintains that domestic water supplies will be maintained and technical studies by Dufferin on water resource, natural environment, noise, dust and vibration are key to the issue of pro-

tecting its neighbours.

Dufferin does plan to begin hauling across Town Line in the proposed development with an eye to building a conveyor over or tunnel under Town Line if and when the plant is moved to the new development, Dufferin Aggregates says that its design plan for the development is such that the elements of noise, dust and vibration are minimized. If not, Dufferin wants the neighbours to let them know.

"It's important that we keep in touch with our neighbourhood and them with us, to let us know how we're doing. We're looking forward to talking to neighbours, municipalities and agencies."

Currently the documents are available for public perusal at the Town of Milton, The Town of Halton Hills, at both municipalities' public libraries, and at the Region of Halton. They include Environmental Impact Studies, Water Resources Assessment, Geologic Study, Noise Impact Study, Blasting Impact Study, Site Plans, and a Planning Report. A Formal Statutory Public Meeting under the Planning Act will be held in mid-June. Following that meeting, the members of the Joint Aggregate Review Team will study all the reports, including public input and make recommendations to each of their respective municipa-

lities or agencies in early Fall. The applications that are being considered are:

- a Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment and development permit under the Niagara Escarpment Plan
- an amendment to the Region of Halton Official Plan
- an amendment to the Town of Milton Official Plan and Zoning By-Law

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- an amendment to the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and a class A license under the Aggregate Resources Act.

It is expected that the proposal will be decided by the various municipalities and agencies by the end of the year 2001.

Dufferin Aggregates welcomes input from its neighbours and community partners and believes the public will have many opportunities to ask questions and comment on the proposal. Anyone with a question or comment can contact Sarah Lowe at 905-761-7500, or 905-878-7312. E-mail can be sent to dufferin@stlawrencecement.com

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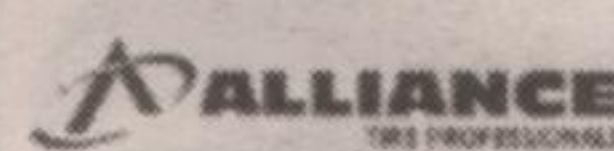
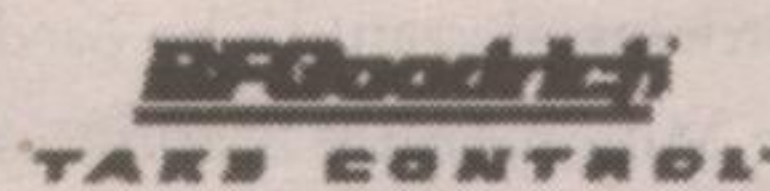
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