

GTSB disbands

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by 15-30 representatives from the province, municipal sector, private sector and non governmental agencies. The government has identified the following possible geographic zones of common interest for the SGMCs:

Golden Horseshoe/Central Ontario, Southwest Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Northeast Ontario, and Northwest Ontario. Little else is known about these councils at this time although it is hoped that municipalities will have a place to play in the process.

"I would only hope that they will go through a consultative process with the municipalities," said Mayor Krantz. "You can't do things in isolation. We're in this together and we need to be speaking to each other about roads, transit, planning and more."

Chairman Savoline agreed.

"Whatever co-ordinating body is set up, it has to have a level of structure in which people have an equal share of the partnership and an equal input into it. The input we can provide to the process is important."

In a speech to the Brampton Board of Trade Premier Harris summed up his proposed Growth Councils, saying "Councils will provide advice and support on a range of important matters. Including improvements to the planning, delivery and integration of transit, sewer and water, and waste disposal services, as well as the co-ordination of municipal official plans across municipal boundaries. Our Smart Growth vision is designed to foster growth, not stop it. Our vision is that we grow in a smart, made-in-Ontario way that preserves and enhances our tremendous quality of life."

No decision made on pesticide use

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said Mr. Ufkes. "I can't prove having a cup of coffee in the morning is safe."

Steve Ford, representing Weed Man Milton, emphasized the extensive knowledge of pesticides his employees have.

"People who use lawn care providers have chosen to trust the professional and our knowledge of the products," said Mr. Ford. He proceeded by informing Council that "a well maintained lawn can add up to 12 per cent to a property's value as a tax base."

The last delegate to speak on the issue was Greg Kitching, of Kitcholm Farms, who has been registered as a herbicide user with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Affairs. Mr. Kitching acknowledged that the issue of banning pesticide use might need to be investigated further but emphasized the need for Town staff to include representatives from the Halton Federation of Agriculture and the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association in the

process.

Council accepted Dr. Ristok's petition, but were clear that little more will be done with it at this time. Councillor John Challinor acknowledged that Town staff is aware of the concerns raised by Dr. Ristok, but added, "We are pressed as a corporation to deal with all the issues of growth at this time. I don't know how we could do this justice tonight."

Councillor Barry Lee expressed his confidence in the regulation process.

"I personally don't think we have a problem. I am confident it's under constant review by the appropriate federal agencies."

Councillor Malboeuf summed up the lack of any real resolution when he asked, "How did this even come to Council with no recommendation or staff report?"

When informed that senior staff had felt it was premature to initiate a staff report, a frustrated Councillor Malboeuf summed up the evening saying, "We wasted an hour and a half to make no decision."

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Dufferin purchases quarry in Acton

by Donna Danielli

On November 13, Dufferin Aggregates, a division of St. Lawrence Cement, announced its purchase of TCG Inc. and TCG Asphalt and Construction Inc. from Lafarge S.A.

This purchase includes the Acton Quarry which has recently operated as Blue Circle and TCG.

The Acton Quarry has a yield of approximately 3 1/2 to 4 million tonnes of aggregate a year and an estimated life expectancy of another ten years. Aggregate is used for construction projects such as 10 million tonnes used for the road base and concrete pavement of Highway 407.

"We purchased this as a working quarry," says Sarah Lowe, Property & Resources Manager for Dufferin Aggregates. "We look forward to getting to know the community."


Along with the quarry itself, Dufferin Aggregates purchased an additional 400 acres south of the quarry that are currently unlicensed for aggregate removal. These 400

acres are a source of concern for some citizens. Protect Our Water and Resources (POWER) President Barbara Halsall expressed her con-

cerns about any possible expansion plans.

"The escarpment is not a very

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