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BRASS TACKS – Editorial

Used to be when the word "extraction" came up in a conversation, most people were likely discussing an upcoming trip to the dentist.

In this issue, our readers are informed about two applications - one by Nassaw Springs and another by Dufferin Quarry - to extract even more water and aggregate respectively from this area.

Most realize water and gravel must be considered natural resources. With a ready marketplace for these raw products, there's big money to be made.

Unfortunately for the old Township of Nassagaweya, because of its close proximity to the heart of the GTA, there is immense pressure to

mine this community even further.

However, if Toronto can contemplate shipping its garbage northwards, why can't the GTA consider the idea of harvesting its required aggregate and water from that same part of the province? For the long-term, what's wrong with leaving what is left in the south alone?

More than just lip service has to be paid to sustainability.

Many parts of Southern Ontario are already under enough pressure from development without the headache of fueling residential and commercial growth with even more stone and water. Many fail to realize the extreme cost paid by the Niagara Escarpment and our fresh water

streams to date.

Certainly Dufferin Quarry and Nassaw Springs contribute to the local economy. In their own minds, they may even be of the opinion that they are good corporate citizens. Their applications are certainly within the framework of the law.

But there is also a moral law to be considered - when does the means justify the end? No longer should any community tolerate a 30 foot berm that effectively hides the extent modern day barons will go to when raping a landscape in the name of progress.

Yes, like a trip to the dentist, solving the problem may hurt financially for the short term. But that's better than a long-term toothache.

Roadway to honour Halton veterans

Recently the Region of Halton, and the Towns of Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Halton Hills voted unanimously to rename Regional Road 25 (Highway 25) "Halton's Veterans Highway" in honour of the many residents of the Halton area who have served their country and protected our way of life in past years. On hand at the dedication ceremony were Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline, MPP Ted Chudleigh, veterans Bert Walton and Ross Elliott (seated), MP Julian Reed and Burlington Mayor Rob MacIssac.





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