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## Halton Hills Council rescinds Greenbelt addition

By JERRY FORD

A special meeting of council was held at 4:30 Friday, January 14 to reconsider Council's decision of November 27, endorsed a second time on December 6, to add over 4,000 acres of rural land to the Draft Provincial Greenbelt Plan. Presentations were made by several Halton Hills residents, many of whom live and farm the 4,000 acres affected. By approving the additional 4,000 acres without public consultation "Council has bought into the provincial 'trust me' line and we cannot trust them," said Bert Andrews, owner of Andrews' Scenic Acres.

Harry Brander, the OFA director for Halton, pointed out that farming is under tremendous economic pressure on several fronts and various levels of governments need to understand and address the economics of farming to maintain the viability of farming as a work and lifestyle choice. "The best way to preserve farmland is to protect the farmer," said Mr. Brander.

**"WE NEED TO WORK WITH THE FARMING COMMUNITY TO BOLSTER THEIR VIABILITY."**  
COUNCILLOR JANE FOGAL

**"LET'S CORRECT THE WRONG, SLOWER AND RIGHT IS BETTER THAN FAST AND WRONG."**  
COUNCILLOR JOAN ROBSON

A young farmer from a third generation family farm made an impassioned plea for fairness. Ross McClure and his wife both hold

down jobs off the farm to generate enough income to carry the farm. He spoke of the need on many farms for large debt financing from the bank, secured by a claim against the farmlands and buildings including the family home. He felt the impact of having their property designated as greenbelt would reduce the value by 50%, which means lowered security and lending levels for the bank, which accordingly would lead to increased bankruptcies in the farming sector.

Councillor Jane Fogal then explained to the seventy people in attendance how this situation had arisen. Halton Hills had a very well thought out, carefully drafted Official Plan that was displaced first by the Ontario Places To Grow strategy followed shortly by the Ontario Greenbelt Plan. Council acted quickly to add the 4,000 acres,

**"THIS MAY SEEM LIKE A FLIP-FLOP, BUT IT SHOWS THAT WE ARE LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE."**  
MAYOR RICK BONNETTE

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Popular singer, Sarah Harmer spoke against the proposed expansion of Nelson Quarry at a meeting in Lowville. Sarah stands next to a photo display of damage to her mother's house.

## Community opposed to Nelson Quarry expansion

By ANN KORNUA

The community that lives around the Nelson Aggregate quarry on No. 2 Sideline gathered on January 13 to discuss strategies to oppose an application to expand the quarry. The crowd, mainly residents from the Lowville area, had concerns about the proposed expansion and voiced their frustrations and opinions on the noise from the quarry.

Speaker Sarah Harmer, singer / songwriter and activist, talked about the fragile habitat that surrounds the quarry. She said that rare species of animal and plant life reside along the Niagara Escarpment; and that the habitat of the Jefferson Salamander is threatened by expansion and development. "This land was inhabited for hundreds of years by the native peoples and it is precious. It needs to be protected from an intrusive industrial operation like the quarry. The land is too vital to be taken away as gravel," Sarah commented.

Taking a political initiative during the meeting was John Taylor, City Regional Councillor of Ward 3 in Burlington. He noted that the Province has always been in favour of aggregate mining and this application to oppose the quarry expansion requires people to listen after the Ministry of Natural Resources has received final planning on the site. He noted that this


was not a new quarry but an expansion of the older quarry in the area. John talked about other groups in the Niagara region which formed its own initiatives with proposed new quarries and expansions. After his speech, the floor was open to residents to voice their issues with the proposed expansion.

"Nothing good will come of this," Leonard Mayeski, who lives off No 1 Sideroad, said wearily. "The quarry was to be closed down. So how did things change from that? My foundation is cracked from the blasting that happens everyday."

Bill Wright, Cedar Springs Road resident, whose

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