



CORNER CAREEN: This 22 wheel rig failed to negotiate the corner of the Fourth Line and 17 Side Road around 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, spilling its load of aggregate into onto the road and into the ditch on 17. Police directed traffic at the busy intersection where lines of gravel trucks pass by all day.

Dust, pot holes, frustrate Dublin Line residents

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adding there are eight to 12-inch deep potholes on the road.

"You're travelling up a hill, you hit the pothole and you could lose control of your car...people are swerving to avoid the potholes and people are paying more attention to that than they are to how they are driving and on-coming traffic," Patterson said, adding there's a lot of additional traffic using the road to get to the Acton Meadows golf course.

Patterson said all of the traffic creates a second problem - a health hazard from all of the dust and people who live close to the road can't even keep their windows open.

"We pay high taxes to live in the country for the privilege of breathing fresh air in the country and now you have live with your windows closed all summer long. That doesn't seem fair," she said, adding her swimming pool is also full of dirt.

Patterson said when she adds in the cost of car repairs because of the poor road conditions, it's costing her and her neighbours a lot of money - bills she sug-

gested they should add up and deduct from their tax bills.

"We don't have (Town) water. We don't have sewage. What do we get for our taxes? We get roads. We're not getting roads," she said, adding the stretch of Dublin Line from Highway 7 to 32 Side Road is the only section not paved.

Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis, who raised the issue last month, called the dust a "mess and a disgrace," and asked if there wasn't a plan to start working to upgrade the 30 per cent of rural roads in Halton Hills that still have a gravel surface.

Town engineer Bob Austin said staff is reviewing all of the gravel roads to put the cost of upgrading them into today's costs, and is investigating taking a "more aggressive approach" to improving rural roads.

"We will look at that in regards to when we're doing the capital budget for 2002...we've talked of additional financing. Whether or not we'll be able to achieve that for next year is an unknown quantity at this point in time," he said.

Halton wants 100% smoke-free sooner



While some Town councillors are leery of moving up the deadline for the Town to become totally smoke-free in all public places and workplaces by 18 months, others say it can't happen soon enough.

Last week, Halton Council voted to go 100 per cent smoke free by January 2002. The Town's bylaw calls for a total smoking ban by June 2003.

Halton Hills CAO Steve Andrews said the Region's report and decision would be circulated to Town councillors and an ad hoc committee struck during drafting of the Town's existing smoking bylaw, and called the January 2002 target date "pretty aggressive."

He said it would hardly give enough time for the committee to review the change and give notices to the affected businesses.

Acton Councillor Clark Somerville said he would like to see more consultation with

those who could be affected by any change in the smoke-free target date.

"If they (Town councillors) decide they want to look at moving ahead the date, then I'd like them to do what they did last time - strike a committee to talk to the bar and restaurants owners and citizens that would be affected and see what they want to do," Somerville said.

"I think that 2002 is too quick. I also think the province should be the ones to exact anti-smoking legislation so each municipality has the same rules, but we know they won't do it."

Georgetown Councillor Moya Johnson is in favour of butting out sooner, not later.

"It may be aggressive, but if we can do it, it's to the better health of all the people in Halton Hills and the Region of

Halton," she said, adding municipalities need to work together to create a level playing field with uniform smoking laws.

The Town's smoking bylaw bans workplace smoking, except in separately enclosed and ventilated areas. Smoking is allowed in 50 per cent of bars - which had no restrictions in the old bylaw - until after 10 p.m., when there are no restrictions. Restaurants must offer 75 per cent of their space for non-smokers before 10 p.m. and 50 per cent after.

Proprietors must make sure they are in compliance and must post appropriate No Smoking signs.

Halton Council voted to have regional councillors take the issue back to their respective councils for debate. Municipalities are not required to follow the Halton timeline.

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On our trip to Rama, Wednesday we had a few prizes that went to the lucky person in seat number 19, who was Edna George.

The 50/50 draw was \$24 and E. van der Hyden won it. Birthdays were Pat Starr and Kathy Noseworthy.

The lunch the week is potluck. Come and see what the girls have cooked up for us. It's sure to be good. Then stay for Bingo and the 50/50 draw, last week's winner was Carol Smith.

On Wednesday, July 25 we are having a Grand River Cruise and Six Nations tour. It should be a good day with a beef dinner on the two-hour cruise. Time to browse or take in the entertainment. Then a one-hour tour of the Reservation (guided). Cost is \$54 and we leave at 9 a.m.

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