

Before expansion Court rules UAL needs permits

The Ontario Court of Appeal recently ruled that United Aggregates Ltd. (UAL) will have to obtain a development permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission before it can proceed with expansion plans.

The issue was appealed to the court in relation to an earlier judge's decision. UAL's expansion includes the proposed dewatering of the southern portion of the quarry.

The company has taken the position its activities are not regulated by the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA) because the quarry operation was established before the enactment of the act in 1973.

In the judgment it was concluded UAL's expansion plans are considered a development within the meaning of the NEPDA.

It was also concluded a development permit under the Act was "required for prospective quarry activities and in particular for the proposed dewatering."

In the judgment, signed by three Ontario Court of Appeal judges, it was stated "every creeping step to excavate new ground cannot be a development. On the other hand, it seems unreasonable to think that the legislature intended that the quarry continue in operation indefinitely, free of whatever controls the Act imposed."

"Phase II is much more than the incremental movement of machines over the property to excavate and process. It is a fresh stage in a long project," it was stated in the judgment.

The judgment also said UAL's proposed water taking and discharge could have a significant impact on the environment.

"The water taking would have an impact on groundwater levels, ground water contours and natural springs. The proposed water discharge could have a serious effect on Black Creek and Sixteen Mile Creek which adjoin the property." UAL's appeal was dismissed with costs.



Star pupils

Three Georgetown Royal Canadian Army Cadets passed their National Star Certificate at Camp Borden recently. From left, Cadet Sergeant M. Teether, Cadet Sergeant R. Gravelijn, and Cadet Master Corporal D. Mousavi have all passed the gold star level of training, have achieved a high level of physical fitness, are able to lecture for 40 minutes and use a rifle safely, among other abilities. Mousavi was also promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

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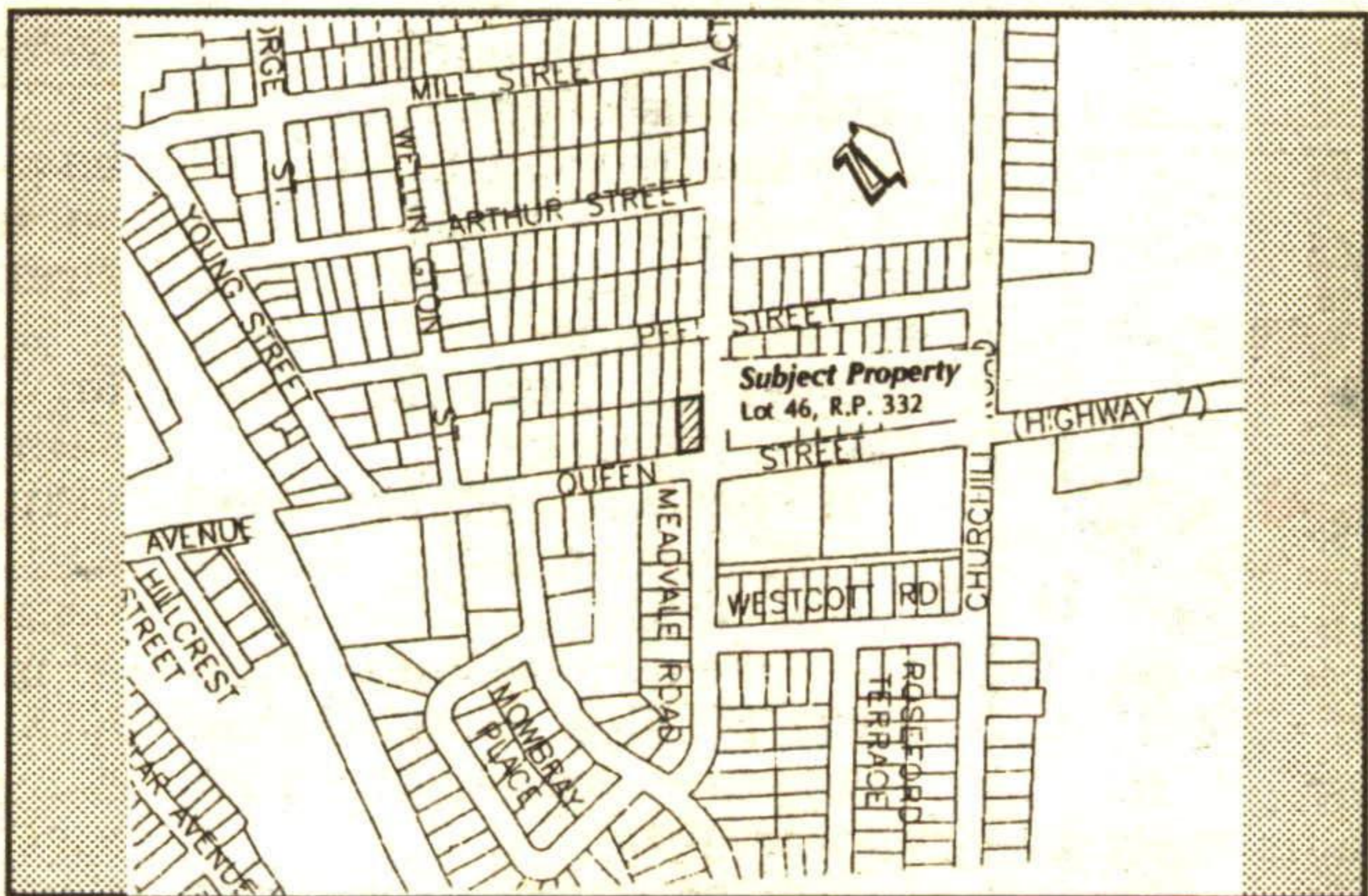
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WARD 1 / QUEEN STREET / ACTON

Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 1358 to legalize an existing four-plex. The site is located at the northwest corner of Queen Street (Highway 7) and Acton Boulevard in Acton and is described as Lot 46, Lot 332.

The Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss an appeal or the approval authority may refuse a referral request if a person, public body, or appellant does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or written submissions before an Official Plan Amendment is adopted.

Further information is available in the Planning Dept.



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Location: Council Chamber, Civic Centre
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