

Resident urges landfill ban bylaw

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Staff writer

Doug Young was back in front of council members last Monday night urging them again to pass a bylaw banning landfills in Halton Hills quarries.

Young, who owns a farm near the Acton quarry where a landfill is proposed, requested council pass the bylaw at an earlier meeting.

He said since an agreement between the town and Indusmin (former owners of the Acton Quarry) signed in 1974 stating Indusmin would build a scenic road through the quarry after mining ceased was not registered on title, the town has had to spend more than \$1 million of taxpayers money to fight the Reclamation Systems Inc. (RSI) landfill proposal.

Young said the total bill in social terms is "entirely unacceptable."

He questioned why town solicitor Steve D'Agostino told him May 29 he was going to delay giving his legal opinion until he found out what the results of RSI's request for an extension from the joint board were. He added he understood the mayor was advised to vote against the bylaw on May 24.

Young also said based on the advice

provided last week by Bruce McLean, the town's planning director, the town's solicitor didn't understand the bylaw he (Young) was suggesting.

Last week McLean said he was advised by the town's lawyer the bylaw wouldn't have any "weight and effect" if it was passed in the Niagara Escarpment area. After the meeting he said development control supersedes a zoning bylaw in the Niagara Escarpment area.

However, Young said on Monday, the bylaw would only come into play if RSI was successful in having the quarry removed from the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Young said the town can legally pass the bylaw if council has "the will and determination to protect your town."

After discussions with the town's insurance company Young said he was satisfied councillors have the proper insurance in place to pass the bylaw.

"If you pass the bylaw I have proposed, RSI cannot sue you for doing

so because at the present moment the bylaw would not effect RSI as they are still in the Niagara Escarpment Plan area and will be so until a joint board decides otherwise," said Young.

Young stressed the need for urgency because the province is to bring out recommendations based on the Golden Report on June 16.

"You might not have the power to do this after June 16, so do the right thing now."

Monday night council members had D'Agostino's confidential legal advice on the issue in front of them.

Councillor Anne Currie, who mentioned the advice provided was not to support the bylaw, questioned why the town would hire a lawyer if council was not going to take his advice.

She added due to the fact the town is in the middle of a hearing with RSI it would obviously be acting in bad faith by passing the bylaw.

After much discussion, committee decided to hold an in camera meeting with the lawyer tomorrow (Monday) at 5 p.m. to discuss his advice in detail.

Thursday morning McLean said the submission made by Young is currently being reviewed by the town's solicitor and will be part of the discussion with council.



ANNE CURRIE

LATE DEATH NOTICE

MILLS, Vivian - On Thursday, June 5, 1996 at her home in Georgetown, Vivian Neville in her 75th year, wife of the late Oliver Mills, and loving mother of George and wife Catherine of Caledon and the late Ron. Dear grandmother of Sandy-Lynn and Angela. Loved sister of Pauline Balfour of Vancouver, B.C. and Orville Neville of Pictou, N.S. Predeceased by her sister Serilla Dickson of Springhill, N.S. Funeral service will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown, on Monday, June 10 at 11 a.m. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. In memory contributions to the St. George's Memorial Scholarship Fund or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Rd. N. of Maple of Ave., Georgetown, 877-3631.



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