

Shutdown of UAL operation could 'devastate' economy

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be required to file for a development permit on the second phase of the quarry operation.

He said if UAL was required to close it would put employees' jobs at risk. He added if they moved into the third phase of the operation "both areas would be stripped and open at the same time."

"The regulation exemption makes more sense," said Burkart.

Town solicitor Stephen D'Agostino told council members when it comes to deciding guilt or innocence in the UAL court case council's support on the regulation exemption will be "totally irrelevant." He added he saw the two as separate issues.

"(Council) is not even a commenting agency. (Council would have) no more status than any other person," said D'Agostino.

United Aggregates Ltd. (UAL) employees and truckers who haul for the company packed the council chambers Tuesday night to hit home to council members how many jobs could be lost if UAL is forced to shut down the second phase of its operation.

UAL is facing a charge of alleged illegal quarrying activities laid by local resident Rita Landry last month. Landry alleges UAL has carried on its quarrying operation without a permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC). If the company is found guilty it may have to shut down the second phase of the quarry.

UAL employee Dale Levere, representing the Cement, Lime, Gypsum and Allied Workers, asked councillors to show support for the jobs that could be eliminated if the quarry has to shut down.

"There are 70 jobs at stake at the quarry and more than 200 jobs could be lost when you include our truckers and suppliers," said Levere. "This is a very serious situation and the fallout could devastate the local economy."

Bill Burkart, executive vice-president and chief operating officer of UAL, asked for council's support for the regulation exemption proposed by the provincial government which would recognize valid provincial aggregate licences.

Burkart said if the regulation exemption wasn't passed UAL could

Acton man charged

A 38-year-old Acton man is facing numerous charges in connection with an incident that occurred about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday on Main St. in Acton.

Police say witnesses report they saw a 1986 GMC Safari strike another vehicle and the driver place the van in gear again and start moving it while a woman was pinned between the two vehicles.

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