

Extension application to be filed within five months

Planned expansion of quarry has rural residents worried

Plans by Dufferin Aggregates to extend its Milton quarry northward has sparked concerns of local residents who live in the area.

A petition, signed by 65 residents who live near the quarry and are concerned about the expansion, was presented to Halton Hills Council last Monday.

Marion McMeeken, who lives on 15 Sideroad, said residents in the area are organizing as a group, plan to meet in the future, and hope to arrange a site visit with Dufferin to see where the extension of the quarry and buffer lands are.

Sarah Lowe, Dufferin Aggregates

property resources manager, said the company has bought 80 hectares to extend its quarry, along with an additional 160 hectares to act as a buffer. She said Dufferin plans to file its application for the extension in the next three to five months. Amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Halton Region, Halton Hills and Milton Official Plans, and a licence under the Aggregate Resources Act would be required.

"We want to work with them (Dufferin) to minimize as much as possible the damage to the environment, property values, lifestyles and our living conditions," said McMeeken.

She added many of the quarry's neighbors have lived there for years.

"We think our input should count for something," she said.

Lowe said most of the people who signed the petition are 1.5 km away from the future extension area and three residences, two on the Sixth Line and one on Townline Road, actually about the quarry extension.

"We understand their concerns and that is why we met with them," said Lowe of a meeting with some concerned residents in May.

Lowe said Dufferin Aggregates will not change its haul route, and trucks

will not be using 15 Sideroad or Sixth Line.

"What you see is the final piece of the land that's available for licensing," said Lowe, when asked about future expansion plans.

Lowe said Dufferin plans to begin extracting from the new quarry area in about eight years, when they estimate the current quarry will be depleted of resources.

The additional quarry lands should be operational for about 10 to 12 years.

She said Dufferin would be pleased to provide residents with a site tour.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Teachers, board continue efforts to reach deal

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"We're in good shape compared to other boards around the province," said Ellis, who's an OPSBA vice-president.

He remains upbeat about negotiations with Halton's secondary teachers' union.

"We didn't get a lot done, but we may have cleared the path on some issues," Ellis said about Wednesday's talks. "We got some clarifications and there's still a positive feeling."

He said superintendents Wayne McNally (business) and Keith Johnson (information technology) were present to help exchange information.

The secondary settlement just reached by the London area's Thames Valley board will soon be scrutinized.

"Our bargaining team will look over it and see what parts are relevant," said Ellis. "Although it's a different situation because their salaries are less than our teachers' salaries."

Halton's teacher union leader is also interested in the Thames Valley contract.

"Teachers in every district make different salaries," said Chud. "If people around us are getting raises, we're going to want one, too."

Halton's public secondary teachers earn \$34,000-\$65,000 and haven't had a raise in 7-8 years.

However, their contract has four salary categories and a 12-year salary increase grid, longest in the province.

But Chud noted this means it takes longer to earn the maximum salary.

Many courses must be taken to advance to higher salary categories, he added.

Chud has also noted the extra half-class has put strain on teachers because they also need preparation and marking time. A provincial official said the 6.5 classes teaching requirement is bringing Ontario up to the national standard.

—By Dennis Smith, special



Running for Terry

Approximately \$27,500, about \$2,000 more than last year, was raised at the Terry Fox Run at the Acton High School on Sunday. Len and Ellie Tuitman of Acton were among the 140 participants and 30 volunteers who worked together on the 20th anniversary of the event. (Below) About 230 people, including Olivia Keast, 4, and her seven-year-old sister Courtney, participated in the Terry Fox Run at Georgetown South Community Park on Sunday. More than \$9,500 was raised, about \$2,000 more than last year. Nine volunteers organized the event. Photo by Yvonne Gaynor



What You Said

'Do you support Toronto's 2008 Olympic bid?'



Bev Bryce, Acton, retail

"Yes, it's a great city and I think it would benefit most of Ontario."



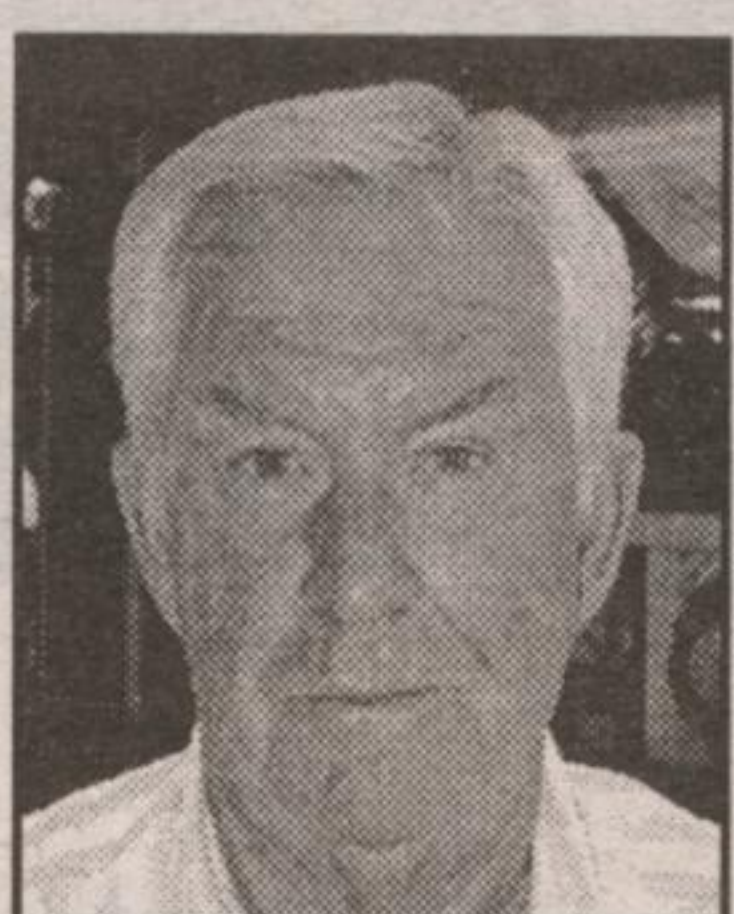
Gary Mizener, Georgetown, independent businessman

"Yes, I would hope it would bring more money to the province."



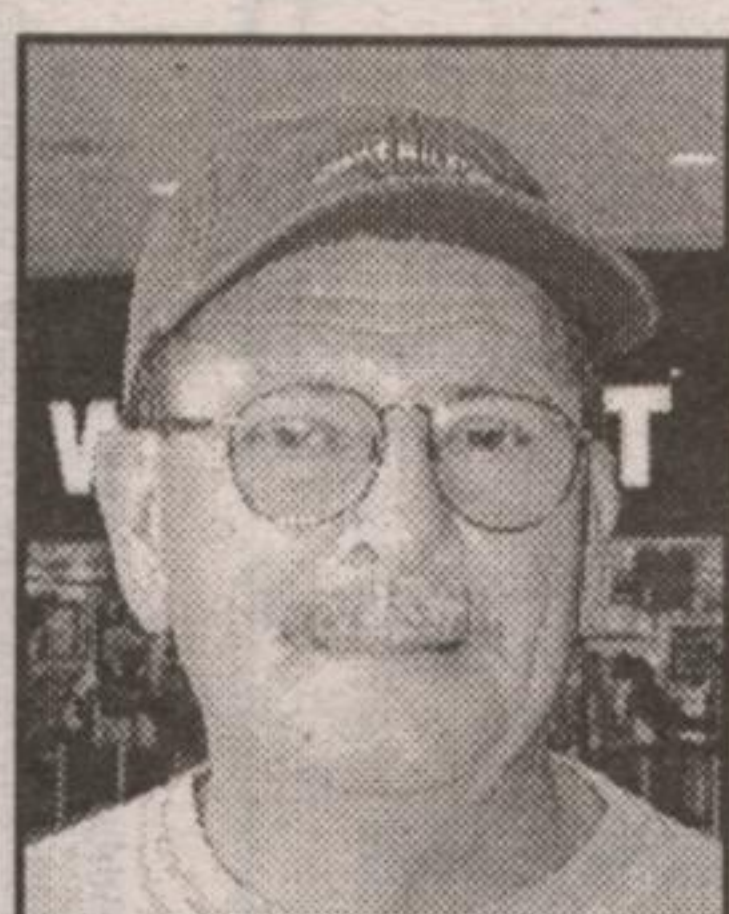
Joe Holloway, Norval, sales management

"Definitely. I think it would do a lot for the city. It would showcase the fabulous city we live in."



Harvey Thomas, Georgetown, retired

"Yes, I do. I think it's time we had it because we've never had it before. It would be great for Toronto and the area."



Art Maxwell, Acton, retired

"Sure. I think it would be good for Toronto and good for the country. If it's managed correctly, it should make money. Any housing left over should go to the people who need it."



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