

Water transfers at Acton Quarry

By Frances Niblock

Freak storms, higher than expected levels of precipitation and the spring freshest, or thaw, mean Dufferin Aggregates must move water from one area of its operation to another, on a temporary basis, through new pipes under 22 Side Road.

In a presentation to Town Council last Monday, Dufferin spokesperson Andrea Bourrie asked for Town approval for a road crossing west of Third Line for the pipes. Dufferin already has another licence to cross Third Line, south of 22 Side Road with water pipes, but they haven't been installed yet.

"The requirement is that we need to have the working face of the quarry dry in order to produce the rock," Bourrie said, adding if there is a freak storm or sudden thaw, they will move the water – up to 30,000-cubic-metres of water which equals enough to fill 10 Olympic sized swimming pools – on a temporarily basis from Phase three on the south side of 22 Side Road to the north side.

Bourrie said Dufferin recently requested and received provincial approval to move the water via the underground pipes for a 10-year period. The water will be returned to the south side for discharge into the 16 Mile Creek watershed, the approved discharge point. She said there were no formal objections or comments

made by Conservation Halton or Credit Valley Conservation concerning the proposal.

Bourrie said Dufferin's actual pumping during spring thaw is "significantly below" the maximum permitted rate of water taking which is 18,000-litres per minute.

Bourrie said Dufferin is "committed to doing this work with as little inconvenience to the people who use 22 Side Road as possible" and will close one lane of traffic at a time, which is more expensive than doing both lanes at once and detouring traffic.

Ward Two Councillor Bryan Lewis questioned if they couldn't drill under the road instead of digging it up to lay the pipes. Bourrie said it was possible to bore under the roadway, but it would be more complicated and expensive, and Dufferin would still need Council's approval.

Regional and Ward One Councillor Clark Somerville asked for assurances that Dufferin would widely advertise the road work with advance warning signs and advertising.

Bourrie said Dufferin will pay for all necessary designs, fees, securities and insurance for the work and accept full responsibility for the installation, maintenance and final removal of the water pipes.

Dufferin will pay the Town a \$2,000 administration fee, and any legal costs, to deal with the licence agreement.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT DONATION: Acton's McKenzie Smith Bennett Public School was among three Acton schools to receive a generous donation from the Acton Rotary Club. The donation is for the Halton's Food For Thought Program and will go towards supplies needed for M.S.B's Breakfast Program. Presenting the cheque is Rotary Club President Ed Lawson on hand to receive the cheque are MSB staff and volunteers Front row: Sandy Reid, Lilly Shewring, Cory Bouzalas, Diane Leferink, Second Row: Wendy Weber, Carol McIsaac, Major Margaret Locke, and Gwen Faber – *Traci Gardner Photo*



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80 YEARS YOUNG: Joyce Sprowl was surrounded by family and many friends on Saturday at the Acton Arena to celebrate her 80th birthday. Joining her in this photo are her husband Mac and her daughters Diane Utter and Marie Boivin. – *Traci Gardner photo*

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SPANISH: Hombre
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