

Quarry quandary

Is it better for the Town to be at the table or absent when Brampton Brick's plans for its new Norval quarry in neighbouring Peel Region are discussed? That's the question Halton Hills Council wants answered before deciding if it will continue to take part in a joint planning process for the proposed quarry on the east side of Winston Churchill Road on the boarder with Halton Hills, northeast of the hamlet of Norval.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, who said that the application raises a lot of concerns at the local council table, questioned if being part of a JART – a joint area review team – on the application would be a good or bad thing for Halton Hills.

"If we are part of the JART process, does that put us in a very awkward position if down the road we decided we didn't like what we heard and we decided to fight this or appeal the decision they are making. Could that not come back and bite us," Bonnette asked at a recent Council meeting.

Town planning director Bruce MacLean said there is the possibility that being at the table could cause future difficulties for Halton Hills, noting that the JART process focuses on things

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like traffic, vibration noise or the ecology.

"If we're at the table, at the end it might prejudice us if at the end we want to give opposition to this application because there's no doubt I have serious concerns that this will have impacts on the Town of Halton Hills..." Bonnette said, adding that it might be strategically better to have the Town's interests represented by Halton Region, if it would not also be at risk by being involved.

Regional and Town Councillor Jane Fogal said she wants a legal opinion from staff to determine if it is "better to be in the tent or out" before any decision is made.

Councillors also said the issue is important enough that all Norval residents should receive information – hand delivered if necessary – so they are aware of the application for the shale quarry that could result in 60 truck trips a day to Brampton Brick's plant.

The Town will not participate in the JART pro-

cess until it has consulted with Halton Region to determine the best way to look after its interests.

Community investment

Local non-profit organizations and community based programs that need money for their human services programs are invited to file letters of intent to share in \$250,000 from Halton's new Community Investment Fund.

The new funding framework provides multi-year stable funding for health and social services programs aligned with Halton's Strategic Plan. Prior to the new framework, the Halton Health Community Fund provided money to the groups – 130 one-time projects over 10 years – but when it couldn't increase its capacity to meet the needs of Halton's growing community – the decision was made to look at other ways to work together with the Halton Funders Network.

There is a two-step application process that begins with filing a letter of intent – accepted until March 18 – and those who meet the initial screening criteria will be invited to submit a full application for funding.

For more information visit www.halton.ca/communityinvestmentfund or call 1-866-442-5866.



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