



LOCKS OF LOVE: Jennifer Alfano recently had her hair cut by Alicia at Blue Springs Spa so she could donate it to an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair. – Submitted photo

Dufferin wants public comments

The public has 45 days to comment on Dufferin Aggregate's plans to expand its Acton limestone quarry - a 45-day notification and consultation period began on Monday and ends on June 18.

Dufferin has applied to expand the area it can quarry by 300-hectares, but only 100-hectares would be mined and the balance would be donated to public ownership.

"This is just the next stage in what is a long process," said Andrea Bourrie, Dufferin's Director of Planning and Regulatory Affairs, on Monday.

"It is a really important phase because it is an opportunity for the public to formally comment on the proposal that we have put forward and we want to make sure that people take this opportunity to make their comments under the Aggregates Resources Act."

She said without the extension there is six or seven years worth of rock left in the existing quarry, depending on market conditions. "With the expansion, there would be a 20 to 25 year supply (of rock)," Bourrie said. Dufferin is approved to extract four million tonnes of material per year.

The Acton quarry had been operating since 1962 and the latest approvals were in 1973. Dufferin will host a public information session on June 2 at Acton High School. For more information call 1-866-635-6111 or visit www.dufferinacton-quarry.com

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Do you have an energy issue?

Gord Miller, Ontario's Environment Commissioner wants to learn more about the barriers and incentives you've experienced when conserving energy in Ontario. He's created a new website at www.ontarioenergy-conservation.ca for Ontarians to report their pleasure or frustration with energy conservation initiatives.

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Identifying barriers to implementation of conservation and efficiency of the prescribed fuels, including those found in Ontario, federal and municipal legislation, regulations and policies, as well as local by-laws

"In order to access the experiences and opinions of the broadest range of Ontarians, we now have simple to use forms on our website, and we welcome input from everyone about their stories and experiences, both good and bad related to conserving energy," Miller commented.

Stories can be submitted at www.ontarioenergy-conservation.ca

Province listens to Region

Province Halts Quarry in Hamilton Following Halton Objections

The province of Ontario has barred development of a proposed quarry in Hamilton, just west of the Halton Region and Town of Milton border, after considering resolutions passed at both Halton Region and City of Hamilton Council meetings.

Last year, St. Mary's Cement Group proposed a new quarry located north-west of the intersection of Concession 11 and Milborough Line in Hamilton. After a series of public consultations, Halton Regional Council and the Chief Medical Officer of Health passed

a resolution stating the quarry would cause potential groundwater contamination, damage to natural features and negatively affect traffic patterns.

"I am very pleased that the Provincial government has heard our concerns and those of our residents and has there-

fore taken appropriate action," said Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair. "By working together with our communities and residents, we can affect change."

For more information, please visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at www.mah.gov.on.ca.

MSB thanks it's volunteers

To The Editor,

Volunteers --the heart of a school

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Tuesday, the staff and administration at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School will host a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the school as a way to thank the many volunteers that have selflessly helped our children. It truly takes a village to raise a child and their efforts go a long way to make this happen.

On any given day you will find helpers reading to students, sorting books, organizing materials, planning events, tending gardens, attending field trips and meetings, or serving up a warm delicious breakfast. They work early in the morning, late at night or find time during the day to help our staff and school administration

make MSB a great place to be. They give a few hours or many. They do this to help our future citizens be in a positive, caring, safe environment where they can learn, grown and succeed.

National Volunteer Week reminds us all to say thank you to those who contribute hundreds of hours of service for our community. They are truly an inspiration for our children and for each of us.

Thanks to all the volunteers at MSB for making it a great place to be and doing so much for others. You are all MSB Stars!

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