Dufferin hosts meeting

Numerous objections filed to quarry expansion plan

The Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region think an expansion application by Dufferin Aggregates for its Acton quarry is premature because technical information and planning matters remain outstanding. Halton Hills councillors voted last Tuesday to file and objection with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Halton Council was expected to endorse a similar recommendation yesterday (Wednesday.)

That position is based on the fact that work of a Joint Area Review (JART) committee reviewing the application is incomplete, the proposed land use is not permitted in the Town's Official Plan, and the review of submitted Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments has not been completed.

Town staff said until the technical issues have been reviewed and signed off on, it will not be in a position to make recommendations on the suitability of the proposed quarry expansion. The Niagara Escarpment Commission, Conservation Halton, have similar concerns with the proposed expansion.

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette said the objection at this point is a "huge decision" and characterized the move as the "first shot across the bow."

At a required public information centre on Tuesday at Acton High School, Dufferin's Director of Planning and regulatory Affairs, Andrea Bourrie, said the objections were not a surprise.

"We're not requesting peoples' approval at this stage, so the agencies are objecting because they have to provide their comments within a 45-day commenting period. It allows us to

proactively deal with the list of peoples' concerns, as required by the appli-

Dufferin's application

cation process," Bourrie would extend the life of the Acton quarry between 18 and 24 years.



QUARRY QUESTIONS: Acton quarry neighbour Bob Kee listened intently as Dufferin Aggregate' Director of Planning and Regulatory Affairs, Andrea Bourrie, detailed plans for an expansion at the Acton operation at a public information meeting on Tuesday at Acton High School. - Frances Niblock photo



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OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, Halton Region is seeking applicants for a new volunteer Committee whose goal is to ensure financial accountability and increase public transparency during election periods. The Committee will function for a four-year term beginning on December 1, 2010.

Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee

Purpose: This Committee will be responsible for considering and determining whether to grant or reject all applications requesting a compliance audit of a candidate's election campaign finances in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act (MEA) and in accordance with the procedures established by the Regional Clerk under the provisions of the MEA.

Members Needed:

Three members with qualifications or knowledge in finance/accounting, public administration or law, or knowledge of campaign financing rules under the MEA.

Meetings:

To be scheduled upon receipt of a Compliance Audit

Application

Contact:

Susan Lathan, Regional Clerk, 905-825-6000 ext. 7254

Please consult Halton's website www.halton.ca/audit for detailed information about this opportunity, including qualifications sought and ineligibilities.

To apply: Applications are available through Halton's website at www.halton.ca/audit or by request via e-mail to **regionalclerk@halton.ca**, or from the Office of the Regional Clerk, Halton Region, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Completed applications must be received at the Office of the Regional Clerk no later than Friday, June 25, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. Completed forms may be submitted on-line, by mail, e-mail or by fax to 905-825-8838.

Applicants shall be contacted for an interview with Members of the Administration and Finance Interview Committee. Selected applicants will have their names forwarded to Regional Council for formal endorsement.

Susan Lathan Regional Clerk

> Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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ACTON DOWNTOWN AREA LAND USE POLICY REVIEW

The Town of Halton Hills will host a Public Open House regarding the Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review, which entails a review of the land use policies and boundary for the Acton Downtown Area. The Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review is being undertaken through a five phase planning process as follows:

Phase 1: Background Analysis and Issue Identification

Phase 2: Acton Downtown Policy Alternatives Paper

Phase 3: Acton Downtown Preferred Policy Alternative

Phase 4: Initial Policy Formulation

Phase 5: Final Policy and Regulatory Formulation

The study area for the Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review and current boundary of Acton Downtown is shown on the key map below.

Staff have prepared a Background and Preliminary Alternatives Report (the key deliverable for Phases 1 and 2), which provides pertinent information related to Provincial, Regional and Town policy implications for Downtown Acton, outlines the reasons for the review and introduces proposed boundary alternatives and land use designations for Downtown Acton.

The details of the Public Open House are as follows:

Wednesday June 16, 2010 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. **Acton Arena and Community Centre** 415 Queen St, Acton

The Public Open House will be a drop-in format, with a presentation at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the Public Open House is to:

- Increase public awareness of the Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review project;
- Provide a summary of the Background and Preliminary Alternatives Report; and
 - Invite public input on the project.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Public Open House, ask questions of Town staff, and provide feedback on the Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review project.

Information on the Acton Downtown Area Land Use Policy Review is available on the Town of Halton Hills website at http://www.haltonhills.ca/planning/actondowntown.php. To obtain further information regarding this project, please visit the Planning, Development and Sustainability Department, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills (Georgetown), Ontario L7G 5G2, or contact:

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Key Map



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