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Environmental pioneer, Escarpment protector dies

The woman who spear-headed the fight against turning the Acton quarry into a massive landfill for Toronto garbage, which led to strengthened Escarpment protection, died Friday following heart surgery. Barbara Halsall, of Georgetown, was 69.

With her unflagging conviction that major change could come from grassroots action, Halsall co-founded POWER – Protect Our

Water and Environmental Resources in 1987 – and was past-president of the North Halton group that tirelessly, and successfully, fought against waste transfer stations on the Niagara Escarpment. That move was supported by a Private Member's Bill that stopped all landfills on the Escarpment.

Halsall fought against expansion of the Milton quarry, and was helping POWER

with its current opposition to an expansion application at the Acton quarry.

Halsall is survived by her husband Kenneth, children Michael and Jennifer, two grandchildren and her sister. Visitation is tomorrow (Friday) at Jones & Son Funeral Home, and the funeral service is Saturday at 11 a.m., at St. John's United Church.

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OATH READY: Haton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, followed by Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, headed into the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown on Monday night where they swore their declarations of office for the new term. – Frances Niblock photo

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