

Council dumps gravel plan

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A plan to freeze vast tracts of land in north-Halton for the exclusive use of sand and gravel producers, has been temporarily shelved by Regional council.

Following a stormy public meeting in Acton last week, councillors voted to shelve the plan until the Niagara Escarpment Commission plan is completed.

At the heart of the debate is an amendment to the Region's official Plan which sets aside 14,000 acres of land, mostly in north Milton and Halton Hills, for future quarry uses.

When the official plan was approved by Regional council in 1973, it designated 40,000 acres of land as a Mineral Resource Protection Area, but required that producers wanting to open that land for quarries go through the long and expensive process of amending the plan.

Quarry owners organized themselves into the Halton Aggregate Producers Group and took the plan to court, eventually winning a decision that quashed Provincial approval of the plan.

Rather than imposing a decision, Claude Bennett, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, asked the Region and HAPG to work out an agreement on their own.

After 12 meetings, Regional staff presented a compromise that would set aside 8,000 acres of land official plan.

That failed to meet the approval of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, which proposed two options, one of which was rejected outright by Halton.

The second option proposed by the Ministry was to set aside 14,000 acres that could be turned into quarries with only a local official plan amendment, if the proposal meets the requirements laid down by the Region.

The Region's requirements demand site specific studies showing that the proposal would provide material for which there is a need, that a definite plan be developed for the rehabilitation of the site

and that impacts of neighbors environmentally sensitive areas, farmlands and other considerations be kept to a minimum.

That proposal was taken to public meetings in Milton, Georgetown and Acton where residents were given a chance to air their concerns about the future of the land surrounding their homes.

Concern over the proposal was especially strong in Acton and north Milton where much of the mining currently takes place and where the bulk of the land to be reserved is located.

At the last meeting, held at the Acton high school, more than 250 residents turned out, demanding to know why Halton was being stuck with mining for the needs of Toronto and other areas.

Ted Tyler, of Acton, voiced that concern when he noted that Regional plans don't foresee any new quarries in Oakville or Burlington.

"We expect to meet our fair share of the need for the Toronto market," he said, "but what we're concerned about is why all of Halton's fair share is in the north. I don't see any areas that have been reserved in Oakville and Burlington."

Other concerns raised by the residents centred on the effect any designation for future quarrying would have on the value of their properties and on the chances of getting compensation for any lost value.

Ken Anderson, Regional solicitor, said there is currently no law that would allow provincial authorities to provide that kind of compensation and added that quarry owners would have to purchase any land they required because they did not have the power to expropriate it.

"Milton certainly doesn't want to see the rural area become one great big giant quarry," Milton Mayor Gord Krantz told the crowd.

"Our big problem is that the majority of the Region's political masters are to the south and their decisions are governing the destinies of Milton and Halton Hills," he said.



Bateman print winners

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bellamy of Pitfield Rd. in Milton were the lucky winners of the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group raffle of three Robert Bateman prints. Ticket number 2211 afforded them third place and third pick on the prints. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz made the draw. Mrs. K. Bounsaal of Milton and Terry Maggy of Manitoulin Island were the other draw winners.



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<p>ST. PAUL'S OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Main St. at James St. The Rev. E.T. Jack Birch Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p>	<p>MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Kelvin F. Mutter 878-0035</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Ontario Bible College Chorale in Concert 7:00 p.m. - Family Film Series "Preparing for Adolescence" Part I Location: Auditorium of The Halton Centennial Manor. Nursery Provided Affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Ontario & Quebec.</p>
<p>11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship "Where is God?" 11:00 a.m. - Church School Nursery School</p>	<p>MILTON ALLIANCE CHURCH Sam Sherratt Public School Rev. Joseph Kyle, Pastor 878-8549</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for the Whole Family 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. - Evening Fellowship Everyone Welcome Nursery Facilities at all Services Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Church Office - 295 Alliance Rd. "The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church"</p>
<p>MILTON GOSPEL HALL 306 Ontario St. S. 878-2022 Christians Gathered In The Name Of The Lord Jesus Christ Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p>	<p>HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH 106 Wakefield Road Pastor: Rev. Guido Alfieri 878-3358</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Service Nursery Available On Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. - Hour of Power 401 Valleyview Cres. 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the Church Friday 7:00 p.m. - Youth Hour</p>
<p>BOSTON and OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES Rev. A.L. Sutherland Interim Moderator Guest Minister Rev. W.J. McLevin Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p>	<p>THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX, MILTON 170 Main St. E., 878-6066 The Rev. T.J. Lewis Organist/Choir Director - Mr. Brian Stoll</p> <p>Sunday, October 31, 1982</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Senior Church School - Young Adults' Bible Class 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 12:30 p.m. - 127th Anniversary Service Guest Speaker - The Rev. Dr. Don Smith - Junior & Intermediate Church School - Adult Supervised Nursery - Mid-Week Activities Wed., Oct. 27th - 7:30 p.m. - Bible Fellowship Meeting Thurs., Oct. 28th - 7:15 p.m. - Youth Choir Fri., Oct. 29th - 10:00 a.m. - W.M.S. Rummage Sale Mon., Nov. 1st - 7:30 p.m. - Policy & Planning Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - "Get Together" Group Hostess - Nellye Schuyler Tues., Nov. 2nd - 7:30 p.m. - Mission & Outreach Meeting All Welcome</p>
<p>BOSTON 3rd Line-Halton Hills 9:30 a.m. - Morning Worship and Church School</p>	<p>EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH 245 Commercial St. Milton, Ontario Pastor: Ken Campbell 878-8461</p> <p>Sunday, October 31, 1982</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Family Bible Hour, Classes for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Family Worship Hour Dr. J.R. Armstrong Theme: "A Genuine Christian in Action" (I Thess. 2:1-12) Our Pastor, Dr. Ken Campbell, is in Winnipeg this weekend, (with the Liberty Singers), conducting "The Christ or Chaos in Confederation Crusade" 7:00 p.m. - Liberation - a service of song and salvation Presenting Dr. Ron Carlson in the fourth of the 6-part series on the cults - Mormonism, Christianity or Cult? Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - "Hour of Power" Adult Bible Study and Prayer - Senior Deacon Jack Bristow Word of Life - Youth Fellowship Sky Force - Ages 6-14 - in the heart of Milton, with you on our heart -</p>
<p>OMAGH Britannia Rd. West 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship and Church School</p>	<p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH P.O. Box 596 Burlington 4272 Appleby Line Rev. W.E. Payne 634-4879 Sunday, Oct. 31/82</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - Boys and Girls Clubs Wednesday 8:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study</p>

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