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Affordable housing and traffic gridlock top the list of Halton growth concerns

Housing developments like this one are becoming more and more frequent as Halton, particularly Milton, is undergoing major growth. Affordable housing tops the list of concerns.

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By ANGELA BLACKBURN

Special to The Champion

As growth explodes in Halton, regional councillors are out to ensure it doesn't blow up in their faces.

Set to embark on an Official Plan review, staff and councillors brainstormed for four hours Wednesday looking at problems they might be able to

Topping the list of concerns are affordable housing and traffic gridlock.

The session began with a defence of Halton's planning against criticism of "urban

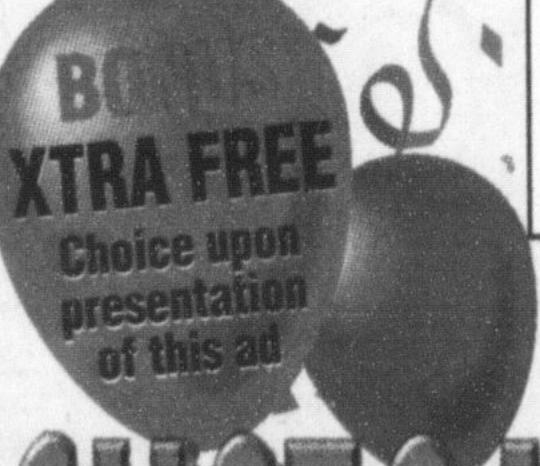
sprawl."

"If you read the Toronto press there's a heck of a lot of criticism of growth in the 905 area," said Halton Planning and Public Works Commissioner Patrick Murphy.

Instead, said Mr. Murphy, Halton is a pretty decent model of Smart Growth — a planning system coined in the United States and championed by former vice-president Al Gore.

Smart Growth operates on 10 principles from mixed land use, housing choice and livable neighbourhoods, to preservation of open space and farmland and transportation choice.

That's in direct opposition to see NEWLYWEDS page 11



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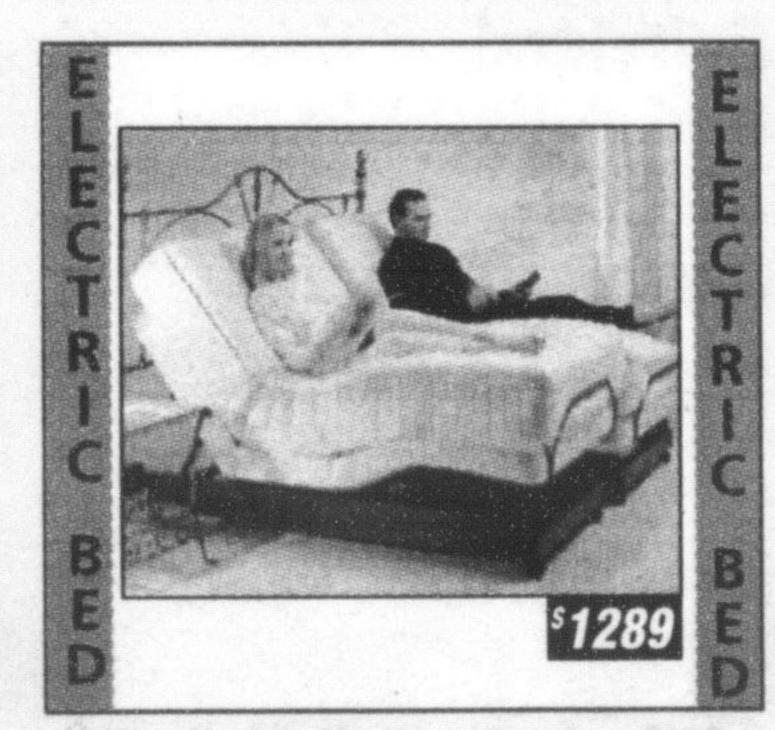
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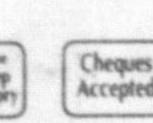
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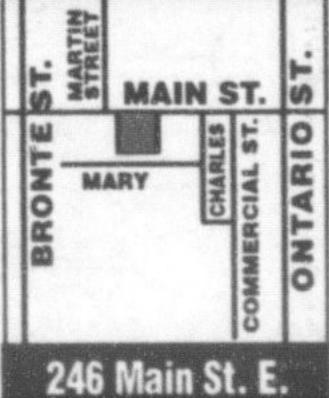








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NOTICE

The Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, R.S.O. 1990

Dufferin Aggregates has applied to the Niagara Escarpment Commission to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Amendment No. 135 proposes:

To amend the Nlagara Escarpment Plan, Escarpment Rural Area designation to a Mineral Resource Extraction Area designation on Pt. Lots 12 and 13, Concession 7, in the Town of Milton and Pt. Lots 13 and 14, Concession 1, in the Town of Halton Hills, as shown on the excerpt of Niagara Escarpment Plan Map 3 below, in order to permit a licensed quarry as an expansion to an existing quarry operation.

A copy of the proposed amendment together with background information may be examined at the office of the:

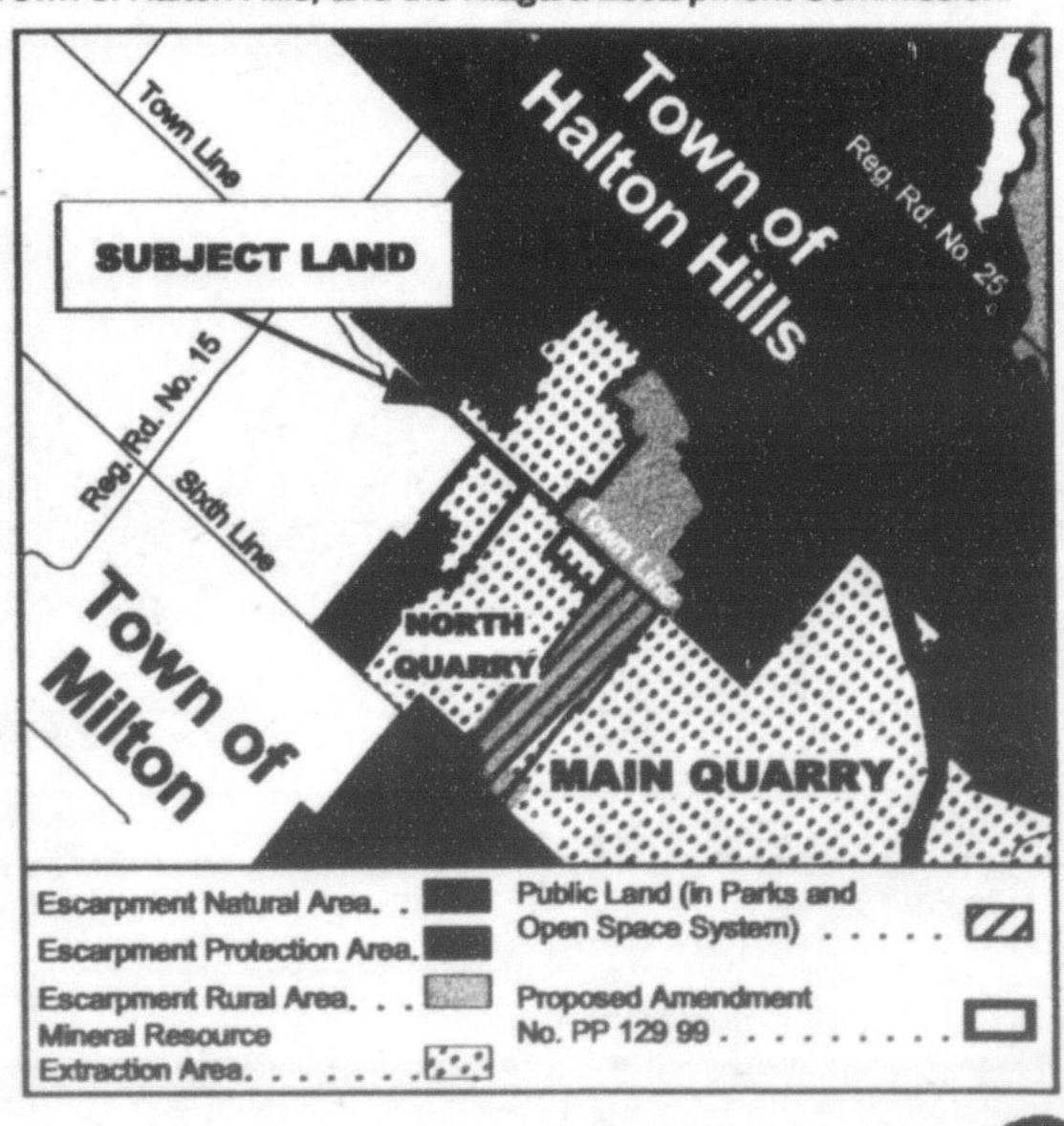
Niagara Escarpment Commission 232 Guelph Street Georgetown, ON L7G 4B1 Tel.: (905) 877-5191 Fax: (905) 873-7452

For additional information, please contact David Johnston at extension 243.

Written comments and submissions may be made to the Niagara Escarpment Commission until August 1, 2001 at the Georgetown office above.

This plan amendment application will be determined by a joint board established under the Consolidated Hearings Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.29, together with applications to amend the Halton Regional Official Plan, the Town of Milton Official Plan, the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan, the Township of Esquesing Official Plan, the Town of Milton Zoning By-law No. 61-85, and a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application.

Copies of these applications may be examined at the Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills Public Libraries, the administrative offices of the Regional Municipality of Halton, Town of Milton, Town of Halton Hills, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.



Dated at Georgetown this 4th day of April, 2001 Don Scott, Chair

