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Written submissions on quarry expansion issue being accepted

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ries. "All the development in southern Ontario gives all the more reason to save this land — this natural escarpment."

But employees and customers of Dufferin Aggregates — the largest operating quarry in Canada — were quick to stand up in favour of the expansion.

With an estimated eight years remaining on the current licence, the expansion is anticipated to add another 10 to 12 years of excavation.

Those additional years will keep people in Milton and the surrounding area working, feeding their families, said Andy Webster, representing Communications, Energy Paperworkers Union of Canada. The affects of closure will be felt throughout the area, he added.

"I've seen the effects of plant closure and massive layoffs," he said, in reference to past plant closures in Milton. "The downtown became a ghost-town."

Jason Spence of Aldershot Landscaping Contractors — 15 year customers of Dufferin Aggregates — spoke to the quality of products derived from the quarry and their need for continued development.

"We use their products in a number of applications including base layers for inner-locking stone, drainage layers for (baseball) diamonds our kids play on, on any commercial and industrial product," he said. "All these items require the high quality limestone product that Dufferin Aggregates have been able to provide out of the Milton quarry."

Before a Regional decision is made, Milton and Halton Hills municipal councils must address the matter, expected this fall. All oral and written statements presented at the public meeting will be taken into consideration when regional staff prepare their report for council. Written submissions received before October 1 will be considered when preparing the staff rec- located north of the existing quarry.

ommendation. Later submissions will be accepted and taken into consideration when regional councillors take a stance.

The quarry is located north of Campbellville Road, between Sixth and Dublin lines and south of No. 14 Sideroad - straddling the Milton, Halton Hills border. The proposed extension would be

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