

Town and Region seeking more environmental information in local quarry expansion proposal

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With more information to come, the Town and Region will wait to decide if Dufferin Aggregates can expand its Milton quarry.

Both councils passed motions this week looking for more information from Dufferin and the Province prior to taking a full look at the proposed 83-hectare expansion.

"To suggest that we defeat this motion is simplistic. That says we're not prepared to have a

discussion, don't even want to talk about it and aren't concerned about any issues," Councillor John Challinor said of the request for additional information during Monday's town council meeting.

"We have no authority to make a decision on some of the things we're asking them (Province) to look at. We're at the bottom of the food chain. Our decisions could be overturned by a number of other boards."

Before officially addressing the necessary rezoning and Official Plan amendment bylaws this fall, both councils want clarification over the fate

of four environmentally-significant areas.

Dufferin argues that the four sections of property — including two wetland areas found to house the nationally-threatened Jefferson Salamander, a further unstudied wetland and the lobe of a designated 'Area of Natural and Scientific Interest' — should be excavated. The Town and Region want to see those areas left as they are.

A similar motion was approved by Halton Hills council Monday and Conservation Halton was expected to address the issue last night.

The difference of opinion on this matter boils

down to varying interpretations of the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), said Sarah Lowe, property and resource manager for Dufferin.

The PPS states that provincially-significant natural areas "will be protected."

"I guess the real question is around what is considered a 'significant' natural area," said Ms Lowe. "This area is already disturbed and doesn't contain any endangered species."

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is currently investigating the significance of the disputed areas and is expected to offer an opin-

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MILTON COMMUNITY FUND

Town of Milton Council recently approved the distribution of \$173,229 in grants to 18 organizations and two individuals for the spring funding of the Milton Community Fund. The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial support for activities that enhance the quality of life within Milton, or enhance the image of the Town. Council is pleased to support Raymond Fox and Jennifer Porenta and the following organizations whose proposals varied from equipment needs, volunteer training, to program development and expansion initiatives.

- 1st Campbellville Scouts
- Association of Milton Volunteer Firefighters
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch
- Fine Arts Society of Milton
- Halton Agricultural Society
- JM Denyes School Council
- Literacy North Halton
- Meals on Wheels
- Milton Choristers
- Milton Jaycees
- Milton Lawn Bowling Club
- Milton Marlin Swim Team
- Milton Mavericks - Jr. B. Lacrosse
- Milton Springers Gymnastic Club
- Milton Women's Triathlon
- Milton Youth Chorus
- Optimist Club of Milton
- Supported Training & Rehabilitation in Diverse Environments (STRIDE)

For more information about the fund, and this round of approved grants, please visit our website at www.town.milton.on.ca or contact Joy Anderson, Coordinator, Community Development at 905-702-3143.

The next application deadline is October 7, 2002 with the exception of travel requests, which may come forward at any time.

NOTICE OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Milton has enacted the following Heritage Designation By-law pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended c.O.18:

Property Description	By-law Enactment Date	By-law No.
#1 Chris Hadfield Way	June 17, 2002	82-2002

A copy of this Heritage Designation By-law may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 5H2, or by telephoning 878-7252.

Dated at Milton this 21st day of June, 2002.

Helen Lisi, Town Clerk
Town of Milton

TAX NOTICE

Ratepayers of the Town of Milton are reminded that the first instalment of the 2002 final billing is due on June 28, 2002.

If you require information about taxes, please contact the Corporate Services (Tax) Department at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2193, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday to Friday.

Tax payments must be received in the Corporate Services Office on or before the due date to avoid penalty. A late payment charge of 1 1/4% will be charged on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month in which the default continues.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure that the taxes are paid by the due date, even in the event that the bill is not received as mailed.

Taxes may be paid:

- a) By mail: Corporate Services (Tax) Department, 43 Brown St., Milton ON L9T 5H2 **Cheques post-dated to the due date are acceptable and encouraged.**
- b) Telephone or Internet banking (check with your financial institution for details)
- c) By using the mail deposit box to the left of the glass doors at Town Hall (all hours)
- d) Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Corporate Services (Tax) Department, Town Hall, 43 Brown St., Milton (Cheque or money order is preferred, rather than cash). Direct Debit also accepted.
- e) Please contact our office for details regarding the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Program.

REQUEST FOR BID

- McNiven Road Reconstruction, #02-239**
- Design Services for Milton Leisure Centre, #02-240**
- Volvo Snow Plow and Wing, #02-225**
- Single Axle Truck, #02-224**

Sealed Bids on forms supplied by the Town of Milton will be received by the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing until 11:00 a.m. local time on:

July 10, 2002

Specifications and forms may be obtained at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario, Corporate Services Department, Purchasing, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a bid document fee of: \$27.00 (\$25.23 + \$1.76 GST) for regular bids or \$54.00 (\$50.46 + \$3.54 GST) for bids with drawings. Payment can be made with cash, cheque, Interac or Visa/Mastercard.

Any inquiries regarding this tender may be directed to the Purchasing at (905) 875-5404. If you would prefer that this bid be couriered to you please complete the Request for Bid Document form on the Town's website: www.town.milton.on.ca Plan takers and current and upcoming bids are also posted on the website.