



COMMENT

National sex offender registry badly flawed

While the headline on the front page of last Tuesday's paper — '8 local residents on sex offender registry' may be alarming, residents should not, as Halton police suggest, panic.

All 66 offenders in Halton are effectively tracked by authorities. Each is following the conditions set out as part of being on the registry and none are considered dangerous to the public.

However, the registry lists only the sex offenders known to police. How many others there are is anyone's guess, but judging from recent incidents it's safe to assume there are far too many perverts and sick minds walking our streets. Just read the lead story in today's police blotter opposite this page.

That's why it's imperative that the federal government's plan for a national sex registry — Bill C-23 — be retooled before being adopted.

Under the Liberals' plan, the national registry won't contain photos, won't allow for a radius search and will only include sex offenders convicted after the registry opens. In effect, it will remain empty until someone is convicted.

If our lawmakers insist on not being tough on these deviants they should take any step necessary to ensure the public's safety.



OUR READERS WRITE

Dufferin Aggregates' open house a big success, says quarry's lands supervisor

Dear Editor:

More than 400 neighbours, employees, friends, partners and community leaders participated in the annual Dufferin Aggregates' Open House at the Milton Quarry June 21.

Visitors enjoyed a breakfast buffet and activities including quarry and rehabilitation area tours, a Bruce Trail hike and a climb on the heavy quarry equipment.

Children's activities included air brush tattoos, a jumping castle, pony rides and a birds of prey show presented by the Mountsberg Bird Sanctuary.

Dufferin Aggregates works closely with the Bruce Trail Association, hosts school tours and guest lectures, and has an ongoing partnership with Scouts Canada.

The annual open house is a chance for neighbours, partners and guests to get together and have some fun.

Dufferin would like to thank the suppliers that helped make the day a success, including Chudleigh's Farms, Kentner's Catering and Conservation Halton.

**Ken Zimmerman, lands supervisor
Dufferin Aggregates**

Article in Milton Champion about quarry expansion didn't tell whole story: reader

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to The Champion's front page article on June 27 entitled 'Quarry expansion gets go-ahead'.

I want to assure the many people who oppose Dufferin's proposed expansion that this is not a "last-ditch effort," and the issue is far from being a done deal.

While Champion reporter Jason Misner mentions that some residents strongly oppose the expansion, the fact that 3,745 voting-age residents of Ontario signed peti-

tions objecting to the expansion was ignored.

It's unfortunate that despite my five-minute presentation, the mention of truck traffic and the potential impact of well water was not adequately explained in the story.

Dufferin intends to collect rain water and the excess water from their quarrying operations off the quarry floor and store it in open reservoirs on the site.

They then intend to inject this stored water into wells on their property to, hopefully, keep the

level of the surrounding wetlands, wells and streams at an acceptable level.

In my opinion, this has the potential to contaminate the aquifer that serves area residents' wells.

I would urge long-time residents of Milton, as well as new families who've chosen to live in this area because of the proximity of the escarpment, to speak out against the expansion.

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Firefighters say thanks to all who supported Bunker Run

Dear Editor:

The Milton firefighters would like to thank all those who made a contribution to their Bunker Run challenge, held June 8 in Streetsville.

With determination and teamwork, six local firefighters were able to complete the 15-km run in bunker gear and raised more than \$1,500.

This money will be used to purchase new equipment

at Milton District Hospital.

In particular, we would like to thank the Meat Terminal for supplying us with a sign to advertise our efforts, and Fitness Technique for their endurance fuels and supplemental power-aid drinks.

Once again, our sincere thanks go out to all who helped.

Milton firefighters

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by Steve Nease

