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Quarry plan appeal going to mediation

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The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) will hold a mediation session next month on Campbellville Sand and Gravel Supply's appeal of a provincial proposal to amend its site plan.

April 20 was the date set for the session at a pre-hearing conference last Tuesday in Milton Council Chambers, where representatives from the Region, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the subject pit obtained party status in the proceedings.

The conference stemmed from an MNR proposal late last year to amend the pit's site plans to prohibit further extraction, limit the fill being dumped at the rural property, and require a proper final grading maximizing the use of on-site materials to rehabilitate the land.

Angelo Guerrieri, owner of the exhausted pit located on Campbellville Road, then appealed the proposal to the OMB.

He said he opposes the amendment because of the costs associated with it, noting that he also feels there isn't a need for it either.

At the pre-hearing conference, representatives from the Town and Conservation Halton were granted participant status in the proceedings, along with Campbellville Road resident Bill Searle, who said he has concerns about the pit regarding water, the

environment and safety.

Milton council directed Town staff to seek participant status to present its request that the MNR require comprehensive on-site material testing, such as drilling, in consultation with the Ministry of the Environment.

The Region, MNR and Conservation Halton presented lists of issues they have with the appeal at the pre-hearing. One of the notable concerns raised was the justification of the appeal in light of potential adverse impacts the operation has on ground water, since it's located within a sensitive ground water recharge area that provides water to the Kelso municipal wells.

"It is a very hydrogeologically-sensitive area," said Demetrius Kappos, counsel with the MNR. "The concerns are very serious that all of the agencies have."

Mr. Guerrieri previously told The Champion that any notion of ground water contamination just isn't true and stood by his claim in an interview Friday.

"There's no contamination of any kind. We have results from very qualified engi-

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