

# HIV/AIDS patients experience prejudice

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accounts of those dealing with AIDS.

Raymond Murphy, an HIV-positive man from Hamilton, perhaps put it best when he reminded the crowd that the "H" in HIV stands for "human" and that no one should ever lose sight of that fact.

This was further underlined by the rest of the panel, which included Toronto's Loretta Cameron—an HIV-positive mother of five—and Newman, whose tragic tale of almost unbearable loss and love would go a long way to illuminating even the hardest heart.

At age nine, Newman was told that members of her family—her

mother, father and two brothers—were HIV-positive and from the time they went public she's been asked a horrifying question: "How do you feel your family's going to die?"

Her mother was the first to succumb, then her six-year old brother.

Fortunately, Newman's father and other brother remain alive thanks to drug therapy, but always in the back of her mind is the sword of death hanging over their heads.

Despite such a human toll, Round made it painfully clear that many people still inflict their ignorance and prejudice on HIV-infected

people and those who love them.

This, she explained, runs the gamut from name-calling and isolation to physical violence. Children are often ostracized so families have to move to spare them the burden of public knowledge. Marriages also break up at a time when partners need "loving help" the most while patients refuse to see doctors who treat those with HIV/AIDS. Worse, said Murphy, those with HIV/AIDS face the "legal discrimination" of drug companies who put profit over people.

"This is not a healthcare problem, but a societal problem," said Round.



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**ICE WALKERS:** Steve Antolin (left) owner of the Martin Street McDonald's, presents a cheque on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities for nearly \$8,000 to Mayor Gord Krantz for the Town to purchase ice walkers and ice sledges for its local arenas. Young children and children with special needs can use ice walkers to help them skate. Ice sledges are for children with limited ambulatory function. Here, Scott Coulson, 2, and Emma Amtmann, 3, try out two of the new ice walkers.



## The Regional Municipality of Halton

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

**You're invited to a Public Information Session on the Proposed Mountsberg Quarry (Lowndes Holdings Corp.) Flamborough.**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2006  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Presentations, followed by question and answer session  
**Location:** To be confirmed in next weeks notice or call Isabel Telford at 1-866-442-5866 ext. 7195

Lowndes Holdings Corporation is proposing a new, 154 ha quarry west of Milborough Line, with the municipal address of 475 to 515 11th Concession Road East, Hamilton. As this site is located immediately across the Halton/Hamilton municipal boundary, a public information session is being held to focus specifically on Halton's issues.

The proposal is to extract three million tonnes of dolostone per year to produce crushed rock for road construction, concrete and asphalt products. Truck routes could potentially pass through the City of Burlington or Town of Milton. An Environmental Assessment (EA) process and public consultation will take place to assess the needs and select potential trucking routes.

The City of Hamilton is leading the review of Lowndes' submission in consultation with the public and agencies including Halton Region, City of Burlington and Town of Milton. This public information session is an opportunity for Halton residents to make their views known early in the process. If you wish to make a brief presentation, please register with Isabel Telford at 1-866-442-5866, ext. 7195.

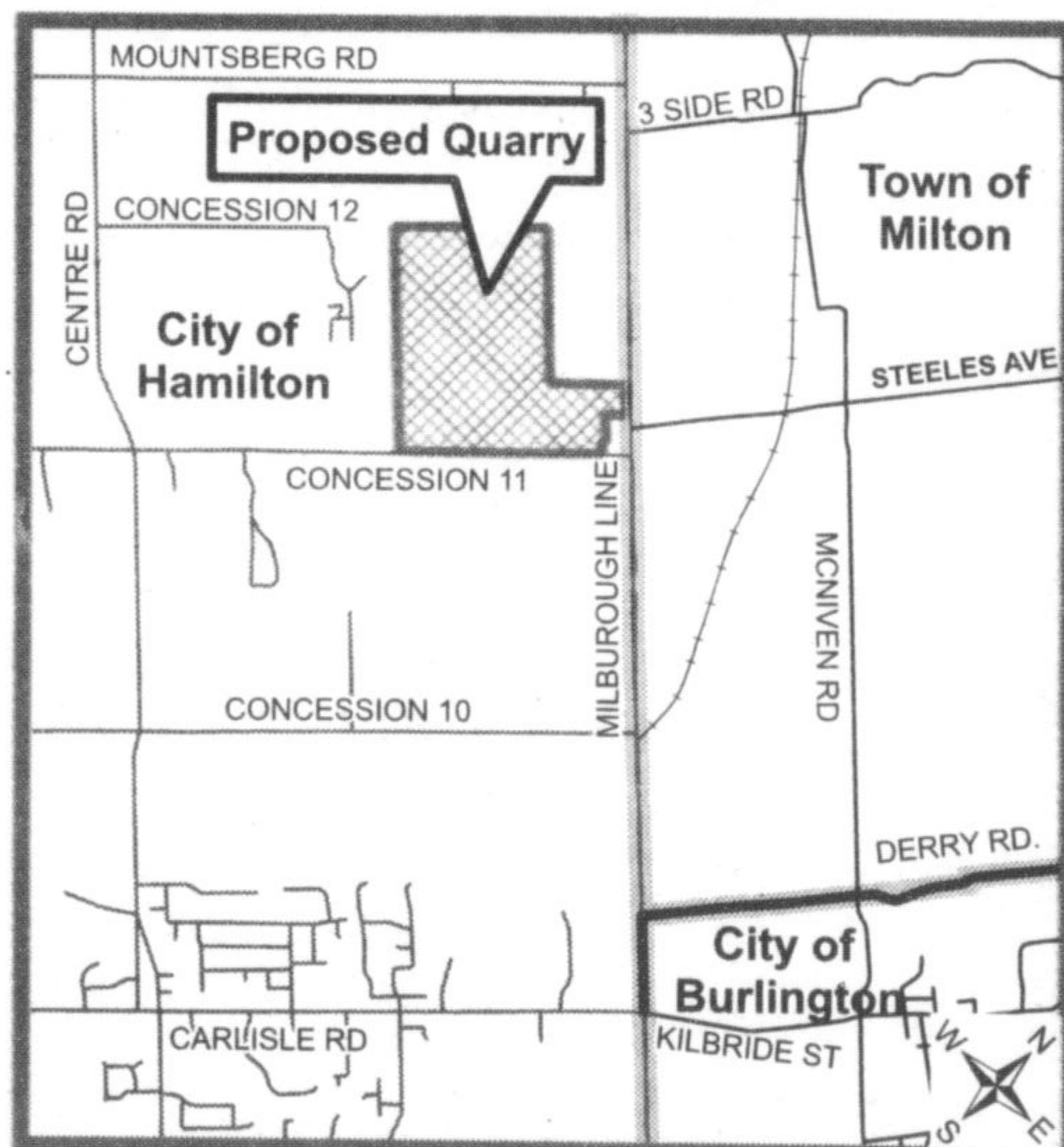
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The map below shows the approximate limits of the study area.



Information on the application can be obtained from [www.halton.ca/LowndesQuarry](http://www.halton.ca/LowndesQuarry)

### Holiday Waste Notice

Please note due to the Good Friday Holiday, Friday waste collection will take place on Saturday, April 15. Easter Monday does not affect the waste collection schedule. The Halton Waste Management Site will be closed on Friday April 14.

### Urban Yard Waste Collection Begins

From April 5 to December 6, Yard Waste materials will be collected **every other week** on the same day as your Blue Box. Use open, reusable, rigid containers or paper yard waste bags. Please do not use cardboard boxes, Blue Boxes or plastic bags for collection. Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m (4 ft) long by 0.6 m (2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter. Grass clippings will not be collected. Please grasscycle by leaving grass clippings on your lawn.

Bags, containers and bundles set out for collection must not be heavier than 23 kg (50 lbs).

Tip: Use open, rigid, reusable containers with a yard waste sticker placed on it and drill holes in the bottom of your container for drainage. Use paper yard waste bags to handle the overflow during high volume times.

Yard waste labels are available free of charge from Halton Region.



### Helping businesses get it "Right from the Start Up"



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Whether you're thinking of starting or already own a small business, the "Right from the Start Up" series of seminars is for you.

- Tuesday, May 9 How to Create a Clear Business Vision and Business Plan
- Tuesday, May 16 10 Low Cost Marketing Tools
- Tuesday, May 23 How to Cost and Price Your Products for Profit
- Monday, May 29 Understanding Financial Statements, Developing Sales Projections and Cash Flow Forecasts

Each seminar will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville. Call 905-825-6000 ext. 7900 or go to [www.halton.ca/business](http://www.halton.ca/business) for registration details.

#### Halton Regional Meeting Schedule:

- April 19 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council
- May 2 9:30 a.m. - Health & Social Services Committee
- May 3 9:30 a.m. - Planning & Public Works Committee
- May 3 1:30 p.m. - Administration & Finance Committee