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Residents fear 'sea of cars'

By Melanie Hennessey CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The visual impact of another "sea of cars" was the primary concern raised at a public meeting Tuesday night regarding Toronto Auto Auctions' proposed expansion of its vehicle storage area.

The session, held during the Town administration and planning committee's regular meeting, saw about half-a-dozen residents lay their worries out on the table about the potential addition of 2,185 parking spaces to the auction's Lawson Road operation.

The auction is seeking a zoning bylaw amendment from the Town to allow the storage on a gravel-based parking area at a 25-acre property adjacent to its business that it's leasing from the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC).

The committee heard concerns from consultant Michael Welch on behalf of the Orlando Corporation, which owns about 250 acres adjacent to the proposed storage area.

"Orlando submits that the rezoning proposal fails to conform to both the regional and Town Official Plan policies and doesn't represent sound or appropriate and use planning of the subject site," he said.

Welch also requested that the Town consider the impact of a "sea of parking" on attracting other businesses to the area.

Michael Cambruzzi, who lives near the auction grounds, asked that the Town keep in mind the impact the expansion could have on nearby residents.

"A rural lifestyle is something that we enjoy in that area," he said.

He echoed Welch's thoughts when it comes to the esthetics of the additional parking.

"Right now, it's a sea of cars," he pointed out.

Ward 3 Councillor Cindy Lunau also shared her thoughts on the potential "visual impairment" the parking area could cause, particularly since James Snow Parkway is going to be constructed nearby.

"The concept of another chain-link barbed wire fence at a gateway to Milton is somewhat troubling," she said.

Local farmer Lieven Gevaert expressed concern about the loss of more farmland in Milton. The property is currently zoned agricultural.

Consultant Jim Kirk, acting on behalf of the ORC, provided some details on the expansion plans at the meeting.

He said there would be landscaping and berming all the way around the site, along with fenc-

Kirk also noted the conclusions of traffic and storm water management studies that've been done are the parking facility can be accommodated.

A staff report on the proposal with a recommendation of approval or denial will be brought forward for council's consideration at a later date.

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Quarry meeting location changed

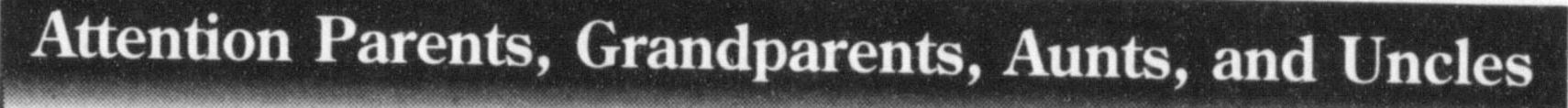
The venue for a May 3 open house regarding a quarry proposed northeast Flamborough near rural Milton

has changed.

While it was slated to be held at the Conservation Halton building, it's now going to take

place at Milton District High School starting at 6:30 p.m.

The session is being hosted by Halton Region.



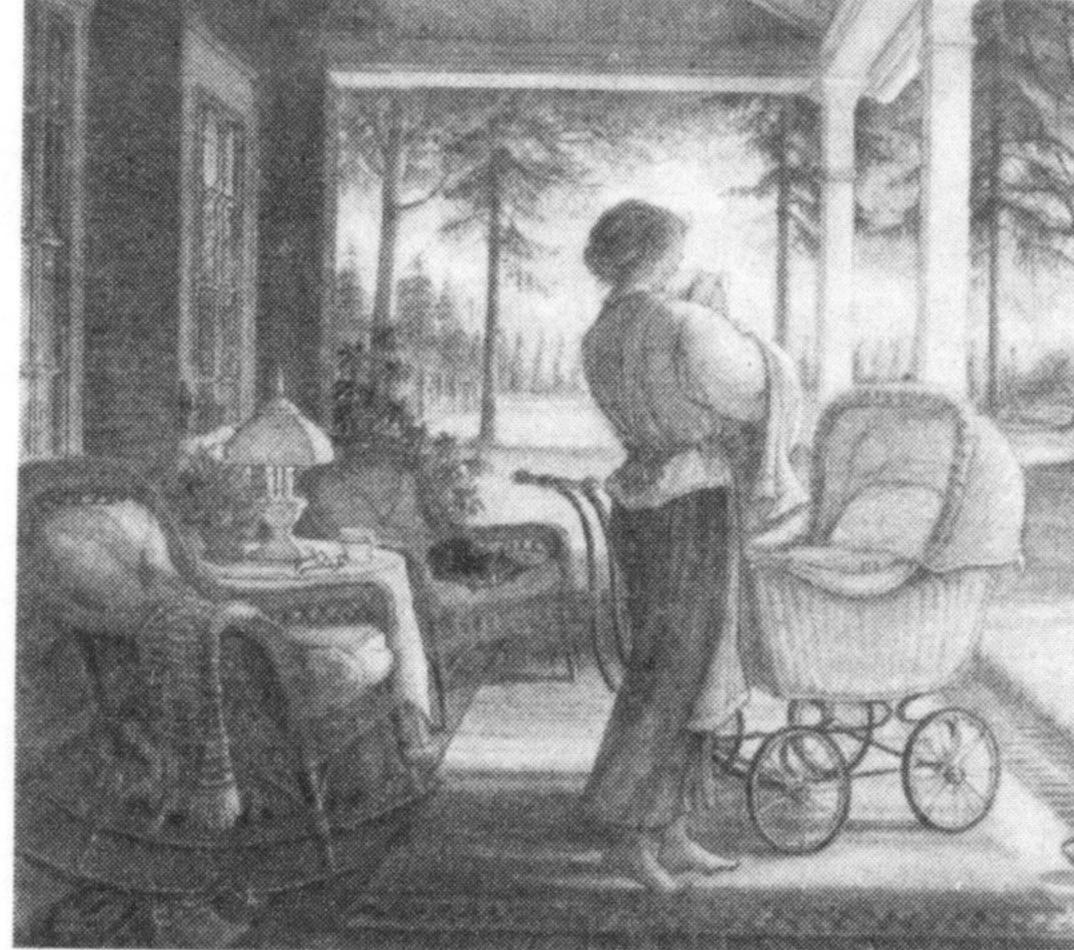
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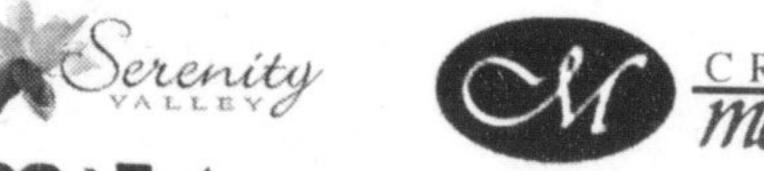
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