Drilling could lead to legal action

By Dianne Cornish
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

In the wake of public criticism arising from recent boreholes drilled into rural Milton and Flamborough roads, St. Mary's Cement pledged this week to take steps to ensure that all contractors hired by them are operating with proper permits in place.

A furor erupted last week when it was learned that 40 boreholes had been drilled into roads surrounding the company's proposed quarry at 11th Concession Road East and Milburough Townline.

The move, taken without securing the required permission from either the City of Hamilton or the Town of Milton, so angered Flamborough Councillor Margaret McCarthy that she's pushing for legal action against the cement company.

In a strongly worded e-mail to City staff, council colleagues and ward residents, McCarthy said,"... it is my intention to have the City of Hamilton pursue legal action in order to recoup the necessary cost of repair and reconstruction to the effected roadways."

But John Moroz, vice-president and general manager of St. Mary's CBM, told The Champion Tuesday, "Nobody was trying to do anything out of bounds." The issue is a result of "a miscommunication" between the City of Hamilton, Town of Milton and St. Mary's consulting engineers, Shaheen and Peaker Ltd.

The consultants, who conducted the core sampling to determine the load-bearing characteristics of the roads, have accepted responsibility for the miscommunication, which included sending an application to the wrong department at

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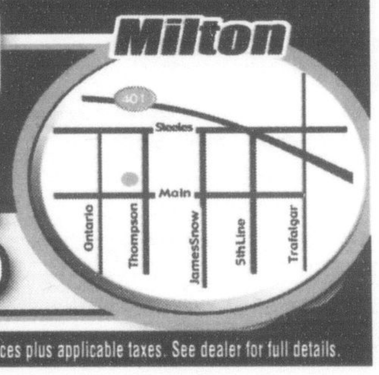

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