

Farm Tribune

Reach Twp. Protective Association

Favor gov't gravel control

REACH TWP. — An organization, calling itself the Reach Township Protective Association, has indicated a desire for the Provincial Government to assume a more direct role in regulating day-to-day operations of gravel pits and quarries. This recommendation is contained in a Brief, submitted recently to the Ontario Minister of Mines, Hon. Allan F. Lawrence. The group feels, that as sincere as municipal councils may be, they cannot cope with the problems created through large scale gravel operations. The organization however, has submitted several suggestions of its own that it hopes can be incorporated into Provincial legislation. They are:

- (1) a buffer strip at least 100 feet in depth from the road fence to the beginning of operations;
- (2) screening from public view by landscaping;
- (3) erection of warning signs;
- (4) collection of scrap;
- (5) prohibition of hours of operation between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.;
- (6) notification of nearby residents of blasting and restriction of blasting

- (7) control of dust and effluents by enforcing anti-pollution laws;
- (8) limitation of noise to a tolerable level at boundaries of pit property;
- (9) loads of trucks should be properly covered to prevent discharge of particles from the trucks and damaging roads, cars or people once the trucks have left the pit;
- (10) enforcing of legal weight limits for gravel roads;
- (11) trucks would travel only on hard-surfaced or dust-free roads;
- (12) the roads which the trucks will travel on would be designated, before any pit is opened and the speed limit would be strictly enforced;
- (13) rehabilitation would be contemporaneous and progressive or operators would be penalized;
- (14) operators would be required to post a performance bond or security deposit. (We question whether the amounts suggested in the Mineral Resources Committee Report are adequate.);
- (15) a new taxing formula by which operators would pay towards damage to the roads;
- (16) local residents would have their assessment

lowered because their property has been devalued;

(17) licences to operate would be issued on a yearly basis and could be revoked if regulations were violated.

Until this new legislation is introduced, the association asks that the following steps be taken by Queen's Park:

- (1) a freeze, keeping operations at present level;
- (2) the Government of Ontario, all counties and all municipalities should buy only from properly regulated pits for government construction;
- (3) start a study to determine the effect of gravel pit operations on the total environment, (e.g.) the effect on the water table, soil erosion, destruction of wild life; and
- (4) investigation of the means by which materials could be transported from more remote areas.

Royal opens Friday

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair opens on Friday and extends through Nov. 21.

UXBRIDGE TWP. — New Provincial Government regulations concerning the operations of garbage dumps may force the closure of many of these businesses.

Bev Beach, who operated the dump that accepts garbage from Stouffville and Uxbridge Township, told The Tribune that increased operating expense brought on by the regulations would place the cost of waste disposal out of the reach of many municipalities.

The government suggests that operating expenditure on the part of the dump owner would be \$2.00 per capita per year. This would mean an increase of approximately \$3,600 over the \$3,360 paid by Stouffville this year, and an increase of over ten times the \$460 paid annually by Uxbridge Township.

Uniform standards introduced by the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Waste Management Branch stipulate that all operations must be of the sanitary land-fill type, with raw garbage buried in 6 foot layers separated by 6 inch layers of earth, with the final layer of earth 2 feet thick. No burning of garbage will be permitted.

Mr. Beach told The Tribune that he disagrees with the clause prohibiting burning as he feels that pollution of the ground with raw waste could be much more serious than

Beach's dump site

Regulations could force closure



Student wins \$2,200 Terra-Tiger

Floyd Fockler of Ringwood, a student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is the lucky winner of a new \$2,200 Terra-Tiger, an all-purpose fun vehicle, produced by Allis-Chalmers. The agent is John Pugh, Stouffville, R.R.1. —Peter Harris.

the amount of air pollution caused by burning. One section of the legislation prohibits the use of gravel pits as land-fill sites because of the possibility of water and soil pollution, he said. Although the regulations became law Sept. 1, Mr. Beach said he has been informed that strict enforcement will not take effect until owners have had a reasonable opportunity to comply.

Gov. awards contract

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Timbers Bros. Sand and Gravel Ltd., Claremont, R.R.1, has won a Dept. of Highways contract for the clearing and fencing of a 5.01 mile section of Hwy. 11, north of Aurora. The firm's bid was \$28,739 and work is scheduled to begin Nov. 23, 1970.

The announcement comes from William Hodgson, M.P.P., York North, on information from Minister of Highways, Hon. George Gomme. Most of what doesn't get done in this world is caused by time flying, clocks running - and men standing.

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