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Halton to St Marys: 'Slow down'

BY DON REDMOND

As a commenting agency to the St. Mary's quarry application, Halton has held its collective tongue for some time now.

At the June 18 Regional Council Meeting, however, the region finally spoke definitively to the contentious application and the message was succinct: slow down.

With Campbellville roads being pegged as the chief haulage route for the proposed quarry at 11th Concession East and Milborough Townline in Flamborough, the Region has asked Hamilton to "defer any further consideration of the traffic and haul route study by the Combined Agency Review Team (CART)."

The recommendation went on to say that "any assessment of haul route options is premature at this time until additional reports have been provided with respect to such matters as the environmental and hydrogeological, in order that a complete and comprehensive of this application can be undertaken."

Mark Meneray, the Region's Acting Commissioner of Planning and Public Works, told the councillors that the Region was faced with a cart-before-the-horse scenario as St Marys was planning to finalize haul routes through Campbellville at their fourth and final Public Information Centre in Carlisle on June 23.

"Since further study is needed with
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Students Jillian Streef and Robyn Warling help teacher Susan Kennedy with the Living Garden at Brookville Public School. The school was recently named as a Gold recipient through York University's Eco School initiative. PHOTO BY CINDY LUNAU

Brookville Public School takes Eco Gold

BY DON REDMOND

With all apologies to Kermit the Frog, Brookville Public School is positive proof that it's not hard being green at all.

The school was recently honoured by achieving the Gold standard as part of York

University's Eco-School initiative.

Teacher Susan Kennedy explained to the Compass that the initiative came with some high standards and rigid criteria.

"When you get the package (from the university), it's broken down into different categories such as green projects, energy projects,

waste projects and what schools are expected to do is create programs that tie directly into the curriculum, improve existing programs and create new projects."

To achieve the Gold standard, that meant Brookville was given a mark between 80 and 100

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regards to both hydrogeological and environmental assessments, we have asked Hamilton to defer the matter for now," he said.

When Halton Hills Councillor Clark Somerville asked Meneray if it was possible for the Region's request be submitted to both the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Meneray noted they would be appropriate agencies to which the request be directed.

Milton Councillor Colin Best noted that he felt the application was moving forward with "undue haste. Why are we discussing haul routes before hydrogeological studies are done?" Best also suggested that Conservation Halton be forwarded all material on the review, as well.

In a report authored by Mary Lou Tanner, the Regional Director of Planning and Transportation, it was noted that "staff at both the Region and the Town of Milton have significant concerns about the speed at which the haul route study is moving in the absence of an appropriate amount of time for CART to complete its review of material submitted and also in advance of the other components of our review including but not limited to the Hydrogeological Assessment."

Burlington Councillor John Taylor, also the Chair of the Planning and Public Works Committee, told his colleagues that Burlington had issues with the application, as well, noting, "This application will have an effect on our northern residents and we need more information (on St Marys') permit-to-take-water (PTTW) application particularly in light (of reports) of previous contamination on the site."

As first reported in the June 5 Compass, Flamborough Councillor Margaret McCarthy received 100 pages of past infractions on the 158-hectare site, the most serious of which were illegally-dumped barrels of PCBs.

Her concerns - now openly shared by Halton - are that previously-buried contaminants could be unearthed and find their way into the aquifer should St Marys be granted its PTTW application to test its groundwater recirculation equipment. The PTTW is asking the MOE to allow one million litres of water to be drawn from the system daily for a three-week period.

After the meeting, Best told the Compass that in his opinion "the (quarry) application makes no sense. I think anything worth being mined (from that site) would have been mined 40 years ago."



Colin Best



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