

Hamilton putting cart before horse: Best

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The Region of Halton has a message for the City of Hamilton that's loud and clear: it's too soon to study haul route options for the proposed St. Marys quarry.

"I feel the City of Hamilton is proceeding with unseemly haste," said Milton Councillor Colin Best at Wednesday's regional council meeting. "They're putting the cart before the horse."



Colin Best

At the meeting, councillors supported a staff recommendation asking that the City of Hamilton defer any further studies looking at traffic and haul routes for the proposed St. Marys quarry -- slated for northeast Flamborough, near Campbellville -- until reports on matters including the environment and hydrogeology are provided.

"We believe further study needs to be undertaken... and that no decision should or could be made on a preferred haul route at this time," said acting Commissioner of Planning and Public Works Mark Meneray.

Council's decision came just two days after a Town of Milton committee passed its own similar motion regarding the proposed limestone quarry.

As detailed in a staff report from Meneray, St. Marys' consultants' recent conclusion was that the preferred haul route for trucks going to and from the quarry be entirely in Milton, running north on Milborough Line, east on Campbellville Road to Twiss Road, and north to Reid Sideroad to then access Hwy. 401.

The report states staff at both the Region and the Town of Milton are concerned about the fast pace the haul route study is moving forward. They're not satisfied with the preferred route choice or the justification provided, the report says.

Burlington Councillor John Taylor added his own concerns, saying the haul route would also affect parts of rural Burlington.



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