

# THE HALTON COMPASS

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## Residents clear out of St Mary's meeting in protest

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After a brief, boisterous show of solidarity against a proposed quarry in Flamborough, a crowd of about 150 local residents exited the second floor of the Carlisle Community Centre.

Downstairs, Milton councillor Jan Mowbray handed out red pens by the front door. She advised residents to draw an "X" on the cover of a 35-page workbook distributed upstairs by representatives of St Mary's - the aggregate company bidding for a 158-hectare property northwest of Concession 11 East and Milborough Line.

Most in attendance funnelled back downstairs within 20 minutes of the meeting's start time, leaving torn and red-marked workbooks behind.

During the abbreviated presentation, each attempt by St Mary's consultant Don Richardson to solicit written feedback further irritated residents.

"We don't want to listen to you anymore," a woman shouted.

Flamborough Councillor Margaret McCarthy ignited the walkout after being handed a microphone, saying her request for a copy of the workbook in advance of the January 9 meeting was not honoured.

"This, apparently, is your completion," she said holding up the booklet. "I have been waiting until 5 o'clock at my desk, waiting for your completed document."

"Tear up your booklets," a woman shouted shortly after. "tear them up."

St Mary's vice president John Moroz said the evening got "short-circuited." He said the booklet on truck haul routes had questions taken entirely from the terms of reference developed by a Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART), which includes representation from the Town of Milton and the City of Hamilton.

"I guess what they're saying (by leaving early) is 'boycott the CART process,'" Moroz said as the room was clearing out.

"Councillor McCarthy wanted to say something and there's a fine line between cutting her off and letting her go," he added.

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The first thing residents saw before entering a workshop for the Flamborough quarry was Susan Lawson camped out front of the Carlisle Community Centre. Lawson wanted to show her opposition to the proposed quarry, which is close to her 11th Concession Road East home.

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Compass, one resident tossed a red-marked workbook on a table in front of Moroz, saying "a present for you, John." Moroz then shook the hand of another resident, who told him to "get out of here." When asked about the chilly reception, Moroz said, "I understand that the community here has concerns."

Graham Flint, head of FORCE (Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment) stuck around to guide residents on how to mark up their workbooks.

"There is great momentum on our opposition (to the quarry bid)," he said. "The public wasn't going to be manipulated tonight."



Torn-up booklets cover the table at the St. Mary's meeting.