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## City reimbursed by St. Marys

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St. Marys Cement has provided the City of Hamilton with \$30,000 to help pay for restoration work on Flamborough roads that underwent borehole testing early this year without permission from the city. But Flamborough councillor Margaret McCarthy, who pushed for restitution from the company, said this week that she intends to fight for more compensation if the restoration work carries a bigger price tag than expected.

Consultants working for St. Marys drilled 40 boreholes into roads surrounding a proposed quarry site at 11th Concession Road East and Milborough Townline (jointly owned by Hamilton and the Town of Milton). Company officials blamed "a miscommunication" for the drilling being done without the permits in place.

The coring, done to determine the weight-bearing characteristics of the roads as part of the aggregate company's haul route study, involved augering a six-inch borehole to a depth of about five feet. The boreholes were spaced about a half-kilometre apart.

The holes were backfilled and compacted with the auger cuttings and the pavement surface was patched and compacted with asphalt. However, when city officials learned about the drilling, they expressed concerns about the effects of the drilling on the integrity of the roads and whether the holes were filled to meet city standards.

McCarthy advocated legal action against St. Marys but negotiations led to the recent payment of \$30,000 from the company. Last week, Gerry Davis, Hamilton's senior director of capital planning and implementation, informed McCarthy that the money has been received. He said the restoration work will be completed under the city's road cut program sometime this season.

John Moroz, vice-president and general manager of St. Marys CBM Aggregates, said the city came up with the figure for the funding request after getting a quote for the work from a consultant or contractor. He doesn't expect the work will cost more but, if it does, "we'll take it up with the city."

The St. Marys official repeated a pledge made earlier this year. "We have made a firm commitment to do what is necessary (for borehole remediation) and we will honour that."

Once the remedial work is done, McCarthy said the condition of the roads will be monitored to make sure the borehole cutting didn't undermine the integrity of the roads. One of the biggest concerns was the impact of the drilling on the 11th Concession, which the city had resurfaced in the fall of 2005 at a cost of \$521,000. In an interview with the Review in April, Davis charged that the drilling had degraded the road and reduced its lifespan.

McCarthy said cuts into the 11th Concession weren't necessary because the city had current geo-technical information on the road and would have provided it to the consultants upon request.

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