

Halton to St Marys: 'Slow down'...

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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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