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SPRING WRAP-UP

REDC Benefit at the Alton Mill

Our 2012 concert series came to an end with Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers. This benefit, concert and silent auction, was made possible through the generosity of the band, donors and volunteers. REDC ticket sales were once again matched by Scotiabank. Thank you for your support.

The SNAP review says it best: "On Friday April 20th the Alton Mill hosted a spellbinding performance by Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers that mesmerized and captivated the audience late into the night. An inspired combination of consummate musicians - Jim Bruton, Brian Blain, Douglas Watson, and Larry Kurtz - produced an exhilarating evening of authentic blues that delighted guests at the benefit concert for REDC."

AGGREGATE IN THE NEWS:



Ontario Aggregate issues continue to be a major news story. Representing the Town, Mayor Morrison addressed the Aggregate Resources Act Review Committee. The Mayor focused on the impact of heavy vehicles and traffic and road deterioration costs to communities, current levies from aggregate vs. real costs to municipalities of hosting operations, the need for industry recycling and bringing ARA in line with environmental needs, and weaknesses

in the amendment process to existing licences.

<http://www.caledonenterprise.com/news/morrison-calls-for-money-and-power-at-ara-meeting/>

Community groups considering opposition to pits on the grounds of interference with property rights and values have been presented with a significant setback. On April 26th, 2012 the Supreme Court of Canada denied leave to appeal the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal in Smith v. Inco.

This case makes it more difficult to prove damage to property values from industrial activities at least in the context of the law of nuisance. In addition, the Court of Appeal held that the methods for estimating property value loss or gain used by the plaintiffs were deeply flawed even though they had been accepted by the lower court. These methods include those that depend on MPAC data as a reliable and valid source of information about variations in property values over time See: Smith v. Inco paragraphs 115-168 <http://canlii.ca/en/on/onca/doc/2011/2011onca628/2011onca628.html>

AGGREGATE/SOURCE PROTECTION/SUBWATERSHED FORUM Wednesday, May 23
6:30 -9:30 pm, Caledon Country Club, River Room, 2121 Old Baseline, Inglewood

The agenda has not been circulated but there will be a question and answer component with experts who can speak to aggregate and water quality from the private sector, from Peel Region and the Toronto Area- and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities.

The Town's aggregate policy will be presented by Mark Dorfman. Mark is a highly respected land use and environmental policy planning consultant who currently sits on the SERA Board and has appeared before the Ontario Municipal Board and other administrative tribunals as an expert witness. He served as the Town's expert at the Rockfort OMB hearings.

<http://www.seraCanada.ca/about-sera/mark-l-dorfman-f-c-i-p-r-p-p/>

Preparing for the meeting

To prepare for this meeting, some supporters have asked REDC's help to link to relevant documents. It can take time to download the Town's Mineral Resources policy. Here it is in a pdf. Scroll to 5.11: pages 5-98 to 5-125.

http://www.town.caledon.on.ca/contentc/townhall/departments/planningdevelopment/OP2008_Chapter5.pdf



The Source Protection Committee for the Credit Valley, GTA, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) has released its report on the state of municipal water supplies - both quantity and quality. <http://www.ctcswp.ca/News/>

Right click on the pdf maps and click on the zoom function for the best view. [http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/Caledon%20Village\(2\).pdf](http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/Caledon%20Village(2).pdf)
[http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/Caledon%20East\(1\).pdf](http://www.ctcswp.ca/files/Caledon%20East(1).pdf)

The report has gone through a first round of public input with a second round pending. The Province has approved this report.

<http://www.ctcswp.ca/News/ctc-updated-assessment-reports-approved-by-the-province.html>

UPCOMING WEBSITE

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