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 RAFAEL GARCIA, manager of SleepCountry in Orangeville, is letting people know that the mattress retailer is teaming up with the Salvation Army to conduct the Backpacks for Kids campaign. The nation-wide campaign, which runs until Aug. 31, is encouraging people to visit a SleepCountry location and drop off new backpacks filled with school supplies which will be distributed to needy kids. Since its inception in 2005, the campaign has helped more than 20,000 Canadian students arrive at school equipped and ready to go.

Melancthon councillors facing tough challenges

By MARNI WALSH
 Freelance Reporter

There is a growing debate as to what Melancthon Council can, or even should, do to prevent a large quarry from being established on prime agricultural and in the township's headwaters.

The consensus among the councillors, the Mayor, and in some cases the media, appears to be that council's hands are tied, and that no matter what action they take, the decision will ultimately lie with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Council has shown solidarity in an apparent resolution to remain impartial and warn residents that environmental studies would result in an increase in taxes. But Marg McCarthy, a councillor representing the former township of Flamborough in the City of Hamilton, strongly disagrees with this course of action. She has waged a public fight against a proposed quarry by St. Marys Cement Inc. for five years, from the

moment it was announced. Under her direction, staff secured extensive environmental studies, all at the cost of the mining company. In June, the Ministry of Natural Resources denied the St. Marys application for aggregate extraction below the water table.

In phone and e-mail interviews, Councillor McCarthy stressed the importance of "getting ahead of the application process" and being prepared.

In Hamilton, staff was instructed to apprise Council of what professional analysis would be required, throughout the application process, for a potential application for an Official Plan amendment and zoning bylaw change for the purposes of aggregate extraction. Staff reported that critical analysis was needed that could only be provided by a team of experts to review that application, once received, at every juncture. This required putting a team in place, with the applicant paying for the team as a condition of the application.

"We haven't let them get a foot in the door," she said, noting that the Ontario Government Registry identifies the quarry industry as lobbyists. "Come campaign time, they are heavy contributors; why do you think quarries are the only industry exempt from the Greenbelt legislation?"

She expressed concern that a council would consider passing an application to the OMB because they had not received adequate information during the time allotted to process an application. It is her experience that plans and expert teams should be in place and ready for action before receiving the application.

Karren Wallace, a Melancthon resident and experienced municipal employee, says Hamilton's Fees and Charges Bylaw (passed under Section 69 of the Planning Act) charges an aggregate applicant \$100,000 to file, yet Melancthon sets no fee to file for an aggregate application.

The Hamilton bylaw states that in addition to the planning fee, "the applicant shall bear any and all costs related to the application."

Orangeville has a new treasurer

Orangeville Council will pass a bylaw at its public meeting Monday night to formalize the appointment of Bill McKennan as the town's new treasurer and director of finance. He will officially take over the position on September 8.

Mr. McKennan fills a void that has existed since the departure of Wayne Church from the treasurer's position in late March.

He comes from the Municipality of Kings

County, near Halifax, N.S., where he served as director of corporate services and was also acting CAO, when required. His related experience also includes tenures in the finance departments of both the Town of Oakville and the City of Toronto.

"He's a seasoned professional in the municipal sector and comes highly recommended," said Mayor Rob Adams. "I am delighted to welcome him to our team."

"As long as this provision is in Melancthon's Official Plan," Ms. Wallace said, "as well as a list of all studies required, Council can demand the proponent commence and start the studies before an application is filed. Bill 51 reinforces that provision."

A list of required studies in the Official Plan (OP) is essential for a municipality to ask for a study. Without one, and if a proponent feels a study isn't necessary, the proponent can appeal to the OMB.

The suggestion that a condition requiring an applicant to bear all costs of studies be included in the OP was first made by Ms. Wallace and supported by Harvey Lyon at the April 2 Melancthon Council meeting. Councillor Bill Hill responded that making the applicant pay was not in the OP, but was just part of the process and that "if it went to the OMB, then the applicant pays".

Ms. Wallace holds that this is not correct. "It is

public knowledge" she says, "that Council had nothing in their Official Plan about what studies might be requested, or who pays for them." When Council had sought more information on wind turbines, Canadian Hydro had said "no" and the OMB had rejected requests for studies "as it was then too late to ask."

Similar requests for such conditions have been made but as late as the July 16 Council meeting no action had been taken by Council.

"Without getting out ahead of the application process, I would have been coming from behind on all the issues pertaining to the application," Councillor McCarthy said.

In recent months, Melancthon councillors have seen their responsibilities turn from routine matters such as garbage disposal and snow plowing to far tougher issues in dealing with the announced plans of The Highland Companies.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MONO

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Mono passed Development Charge By-law No. 2009-43 on the 28th day of July, 2009 under section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997; s.o., 1997 c27,

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board under Section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charge by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Mono on or before the 8th day of September, 2009 (the day that is 40 days after the day the by-law is passed) a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law is as follows:

Service	RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS				Non-Residential Per sq. foot of gross floor area
	Single Detached & semi-detached dwellings	Apartments		Other Multiples	
		2 Bedrooms	Bachelor & 1 Bedroom		
Protection	356	201	137	299	0.11
Roads & Related	5,748	3,249	2,219	4,822	5.09
Parks & Recreation	1,343	759	518	1,127	0.21
Libraries	65	37	25	55	0.01
Administration	642	363	248	539	0.52
TOTAL	8,155	4,609	3,147	6,842	5.95

A key map is not provided as the by-law applies to all lands within the municipal boundaries of the Corporation of the Town of Mono.

A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the municipal office during regular office hours.

Dated at the Town of Mono
 This 6th day of August, 2009
 Keith McNenly
 Clerk of the Town of Mono

TOWN OF MONO

Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 have been posted on the town web-site, www.townofmono.com

A printed copy is available for viewing at the municipal office.

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