

It's not helping anyone if it's still in your basement We need your stuff

It helps us all if you donate your previously loved stuff to the Great, Big Garage Sale!

Big Sale - Saturday, April 26. This is our 11th year of raising funds for the Coalition of Concerned Citizens. The much needed financial assistance has helped us achieve the goal of protecting our water resources and countryside for future generations.

Our efforts have brought these issues to the attention of our federal, provincial and municipal governments. We could never have come this far without you. Thank you for all your hard work.

We need your stuff!

Please help us by cleaning out your basements, attics and garages and donating your excess stuff. We need things like china, sports equipment, garden stuff, tools, windows, doors, furniture, hardware, clean clothing, furniture, toys,

CD's, records, books, etc. We have the *Green Thumb Table* too! Time to think about those house and garden plants that need dividing! We also need your tasty home cooking for *The Big, Bake Sale Table*. It's always a big hit so we'd like to make it even larger.

And please NO mattresses, paint or tires.

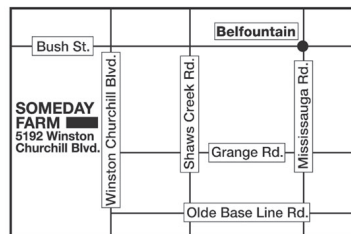
Drop off days at Someday Farm will be:

Wed. Apr. 23 _____ 10 am - 5 pm
Thurs. Apr. 24 _____ 10 am - 9 pm
Fri. Apr. 25 _____ 10 am - 6 pm

Please help.

Remember the success of our organization is based on your participation. For information, help with large items or if you can offer some time, please call **905-838-4333**.

The great big
**GARAGE
SALE**



The Great, Big Garage Sale. Saturday, April 26, 9am - 4pm only.

Admission: \$2. Children under 12 free. Free Parking.
Someday Farm, 5192 Winston Churchill Blvd.
www.coalitioncaledon.com



The Rockfort Update

November 2007: The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) received submissions from all parties concerning the increasingly tight time frame and heavy schedule required to reach a September 2008 OMB hearing. The Board asked that a revised schedule be drawn up to finalize the Caledon Comprehensive Broader Scale Environmental Study (CBSSES). The Coalition's position was and has always been, that it is in the public interest to have the best information possible from the CBSSES and wants the hearing as soon as it can reasonably be held.

February 2008: The OMB received a new schedule from the parties with the following milestones:

March 31, 2008: CBSSES study finalized
July 31, 2008: Site Specific Rockfort Application finalized
Oct 24, 2008: OMB pre-hearing update—public welcome.
Nov 21, 2008: Peer Reviews updated
May 2009: OMB final hearing begins

Some Highlights of the Final CBSSES Public Information Meeting

January 22, 2008

The event was well attended, with over 120 people present from the community.

- The public viewed maps where "worst case scenarios" with no mitigation, showed a potentially devastating impact to much of the study area (35 sq kilometers). And the public asks: **even if there is mitigation, what if it fails?**
- Citizens voiced serious concerns about the potential negative impacts to water, roads, property values, and air quality, associated with an open pit mine.
- Attendees demanded that, should the application be approved, James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) officers and directors be held personally accountable if things went terribly wrong.
- The JDCL consultants agreed that the area was high in biodiversity, was a fragile ecosystem and that water (groundwater and surface) played a significant and complex role throughout the area.
- Citizens had serious concerns about the bias of the report because the consultants were hired and paid for by JDCL.

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water"

—Benjamin Franklin

The Coalition was concerned to read in the Georgetown Independent that about 30 wells have been experiencing water problems on the 4th line of Halton, close to the Acton Quarry. According to the article "Richard Murphy of Conestoga Rovers, a consultant hired by Dufferin Aggregates (the same consultant for James Dick) explained that three factors caused the water shortages in the wells—hydro geologic conditions, well conditions, and climate. He said the quarry didn't cause the shortages and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has reached the same conclusion." Some wonder if the MOE has done their own due diligence or have they just relied on the proponent's conclusions. Despite the explanation, residents have called for an independent study. If you wish to read the whole story—go to our website at www.coalitioncaledon.com and click on "News" then "clippings" to the article entitled "Where has the Fourth Line Water Gone?"

One might ask— where are the Provincial Public Agencies that are supposed to be protecting our water, our environment, and our health and safety when it comes to stone, sand and gravel?