

## PEMBINA HIGHLIGHTS:

*If you want to understand more about this important issue, you can find the full report at:*

[www.pembina.org/newsitem.asp?newsid=125&section=](http://www.pembina.org/newsitem.asp?newsid=125&section=)

- Debates have intensified in recent years over the adverse effects aggregate extraction can have on our water resources, our environment (the Niagara Escarpment, The Oak Ridges Moraine etc) and our host communities.
- The Province and the public, lacks basic information on current supply and demand of aggregate and now relies on an industry-owned resource corporation for aggregate research.
- There is a need to promote reusable and recyclable materials in new urban construction. At present, we substitute a mere 3% of materials while other jurisdictions are reaching for a possible 20%.
- Currently in Ontario, there is an aggregate extraction charge of 6 cents per tonne. This artificially low charge provides no incentive for the efficient use of the resource. By contrast, the United Kingdom imposes an extraction charge 60 times higher than Ontario's.
- The province needs to properly assess the options of transporting aggregate by rail and boat.
- The Provincial Policy Statement should be modified to direct aggregate extraction away from competing land-use priorities such as source water areas, natural heritage areas, and prime agricultural land.
- Rehabilitation requirements must be strengthened and properly enforced.
- The backlog of abandoned pits and quarries must be addressed and rehabilitated.
- The current policies on aggregate extraction in the Province of Ontario are unsustainable.
- Ontario needs to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for the management and conservation of the province's aggregate resources.

*The aggregate industry have been deflecting questions about their practices with claims that the "sky is falling" over reserves. The real issue is not whether we need aggregate—of course we do. The real issue is how the producers and the Province manage the resource extraction process, from beginning to end.*

**THE TIME HAS COME FOR AGGREGATE CONSERVATION.**



# CONCERNS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNICATING OUR CONCERNS

**Keeping our communities green and safe**

**IT'S BACK!** And it's *bigger and better!*

The *great* **big**  
**GARAGE**  
**SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2005; 9AM TO 4PM ONLY**

**Antiques, Collectibles, Silent Auction, Hardware, Small Appliances, Plants, Electronics, Furniture, Toys, Baking, Books, Linens, Lighting, Kitchenware, Sporting Goods, Clothing, and much, much more under one BIG roof.**

This has become a "community happening" where thousands of people in the area come together to show their support of the cause. So don't miss out! Bring the whole family.

Did you know? Someone bought a musical instrument at the sale for \$5.00 and re-sold it for \$500.00 and 3 years ago someone found a Bakelite bracelet, which they sold on E-bay for a small fortune!

**Admission: Adults \$2.00 and children under 12 are FREE. Free parking**  
*For directions and details, see next page...*

**[www.coalitioncaledon.com](http://www.coalitioncaledon.com)**

# 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 May 7**

Believe or not this is our 8th 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 and we 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

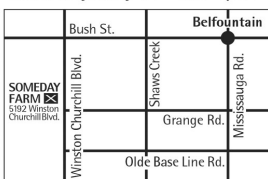


equipment, garden stuff, tools windows, doors, furniture, hardware, clean clothing, furniture, toys, CD's, records, books, etc. We have the Green Thumb Table too! Time to think about those house and garden plants that need dividing! We also need your tasty home cooking for The Big, Bake Sale Table. It was a big hit last year so we'd like to make it even larger. And please NO mattresses or tires.

**Drop off days at Someday Farm will be:**  
Wed. May 4 10 am - 5pm  
Thurs. May 5 10 am - 9pm  
Fri. May 7 10 am - 6pm  
**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**  
Someday Farm  
5192 Winston Churchill Blvd.  
Saturday, May 7, 9am-4pm



Mark your Calendars for the  
Annual Coalition Golf Tournament:

**Support and enjoy our famous Annual Coalition Golf Tournament on Friday September 9th, 2005 at the Caledon Country Club. Separate Dinner tickets may be purchased by non-golfers. For more details please call: 905-877-7218**

## ROCKFORT UPDATE:

There has not been much change in status since the November '04 Newsletter. James Dick Construction Ltd. continues to gather data under the new planning requirements. We have been waiting for their reports to be submitted so that we can have them reviewed by our experts for evaluation. This is all part of the normal process and very time consuming. The next pre-hearing meeting with the OMB is tentatively scheduled for June 2005 in order to discuss timelines. If you wish to attend, please check with the Town of Caledon closer to June, to confirm time and place.

## COUNTRYSIDE CONCERNS: CALEDON UPDATE...

Despite it being a long slow Spring this year, it's not been dull in Caledon, with the draft and final passing of the Provincial Greenbelt legislation. The Coalition has been involved with presentations surrounding this legislation, for a number of reasons.

The agricultural issue aside, the Coalition's main concern related to the Province's allowing Aggregate mining in the Greenbelt, with less restrictive policies than Caledon's negotiated 2003 settlement in Official Plan Amendment 161. This amendment has been acknowledged as the most progressive aggregate policy for any municipality, and was agreed to by all the major stakeholders—including the aggregate producers and the Province. The Coalition worked for months at the negotiating table to help bring this agreement about and we were puzzled that the Province wished to override it with the Greenbelt legislation. After many discussions, letters and presentations, the Province has agreed to hon-

our this signed commitment in Caledon, and have it stand alongside the Greenbelt regulations for aggregate. This is good news.

Another major issue the Coalition raised through this process was the dismal record of rehabilitation of pits and quarries by the aggregate producers. Despite Provincial rules, the examples of un-rehabilitated pits and quarries are legion. In the year 2002, only 3% of disturbed aggregate land was rehabilitated, and unfortunately this is not an unusual occurrence. *The public trust has been lost through the poor practices of an effectively self-regulated industry.* For this to be reversed, not only must there be rehabilitation reform, but the Coalition maintains that a clear Provincial strategy for aggregate conservation must be developed, as the present course is unsustainable. A very important report was released in January 2005 by the Pembina Institute—a Canadian independent not-for-profit research organization—entitled *"Rebalancing the Load"*: The need for an aggregates conservation strategy for Ontario.

We've included a few highlights on the back page to whet your appetite: