



## Concerned Residents Coalition

### Media Release

## Community Meeting Addresses Urgent Deadlines of Hidden Quarry Application

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February 14, 2015, Rockwood...The Concerned Residents Coalition ([www.hiddenquarry.ca](http://www.hiddenquarry.ca)) will hold its fourth Community Meeting on **Thursday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Eden Mills Community Hall**. All are welcome! Municipal mayors, councillors and local MPP's are also invited to attend.

The CRC Community Meeting will provide updates on research and CRC activity. It will also present a series of actions which residents can take to make their voices heard now, to "Make the Difference!"

The February 26 meeting is urgent. Guelph Eramosa Township Council will be receiving and reviewing several outstanding studies on the potential impacts of the Hidden Quarry in the next two or three months. It will also be receiving more CRC briefings and delegations. Very soon GET Council will be deciding whether or not to rezone agricultural and hazard (environmentally sensitive) land to the industrial/extraction classification.

CRC President Doug Tripp says: "This is a critical time for concerned residents to let their Mayor and Councillors know that they are paying attention. What will be a precedent-setting decision could change this rural and agricultural community forever, disrupting both the environment and people's lives and livelihoods. It is a very risky proposition."

While GET Council must make the re-zoning decision, the neighbouring municipalities of Milton, Halton Hills and Halton Region are also weighing in. The quarry epicentre is directly across Highway 7 from the Green Belt, so the waves of impact reach deep into Milton. Acton, already busy with heavy truck traffic, is on the proposed haul route.

The municipal decision-making timetable reflects the fact that James Dick Construction Ltd.'s application for an aggregate mining licence to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests has a deadline in March 2015. Within two years of its March 2013 application, JDCL must have demonstrated to MNRF that all outstanding objections have been resolved. In CRC's opinion, many objections remain outstanding.

The CRC has hundreds of supporters from all areas surrounding the proposed Hidden Quarry site at Highway 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Line Eramosa – Rockwood, Eramosa, Milton (Nassagaweya), Eden Mills, Crewson's Corners and Halton Hills (Acton). Community gatherings rotate from Eden Mills (April 2013) to Acton (June 2013) to Rockwood (2014), and now back to Eden Mills, touching each corner of the affected region.

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Attachment: Map of area surrounding proposed HQ showing proximity of homes and farms, streets and Provincial Hwy. #7, all within range of potential fly rock and well within vibration zones. Note Blue Springs Creek to the South, fed by a tributary which crosses proposed HQ site.

