

## CRC News Posting Archive 2013 to 2016

2016-12-10	JDCL has re-applied!	<b>JDCL has re-applied!</b> Well, here we go again but this time there are many significant differences. To start, in addition to re-applying to GET for local rezoning, the company must also ask Wellington County for an amendment to the <b>County Official Plan (OPA-81)</b> to change the area from “Greenlands” to <b>industrial</b> . <a href="#">Click here for futher details in the Newsletter.</a>
2016-12-06	CRC Submission to Review of the Ontario Municipal Board	<b>The CRC has made a submission to the Review of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)</b> outlining changes the CRC would like made to the way the OMB operates and makes decisions, to insure that community interests are upheld against the often overwhelming influence of big developers. <a href="#">CRC Review of the OMB</a>
2016-10-31	CRC makes submission to the Provincial Land-Use Planning Review	<b>CRC makes submission to the Provincial Land-Use Planning Review</b> - The Province is undertaking a review of its land-use planning policies and programs which include Greenbelt, farmland, wetlands, etc. The CRC made the following submission: <a href="#">Land-Use Planning Review Response</a>
2016-10-26	Nylons Gala raises more than \$19,000 for CRC!	<b>Nylons Gala raises more than \$19,000 for CRC!</b> The CRC thanks the Nylons, all the volunteers and the audience for making this fundraiser successful. A wonderful evening was had by all. <a href="#">CRC Newsletter - Nylons Gala</a>
2016-10-19	More Good News! Halton Hills donations \$15,000 to the CRC	<b>More Good News!</b> Halton Hills donations \$15,000 to the CRC <a href="#">CRC NewsletterHalton Hills Motion</a>
2016-10-13	OMB Decision on Bylaw Jurisdiction	<b>Indefinite adjournment of OMB Hearing!</b> OMB Vice-Chair Stefanko has ruled that the Board cannot hear a case filed under a repealed GET zoning bylaw. JDCL can, however, re-apply under the new bylaw. A second application would also require an amendment to the new 2014 Wellington County Official plan which designates the site as Greenlands. Stay tuned! <a href="#">Media Release - OMB Hearing on Hidden Quarry application adjourned.</a> <a href="#">OMB Decision on Bylaw Jurisdiction</a>

2016-09-28	OMB Schedule Change: The next session of the OMB will take place next week on Thursday, October 6 at 9:30 am in the GET Council Chamber.	<p><b>OMB Schedule Change:</b> The next session of the OMB will take place next week on <b>Thursday, October 6 at 10:30 am in the GET Council Chamber.</b> The Chair has asked lawyers for all Parties to the Hearing to prepare written submissions addressing the procedural implications of the repealed Bylaw under which JDCL's application for re-zoning was made in 2012. On Day 1 CRC's lawyer, Chris Barnett, discovered and raised the important issue that Wellington County had revised their zoning by-law during the summer, an action which had included the repeal of the previous zoning by-law. The JDCL application for re-zoning was made under the earlier by-law. Chris raised the possibility that the OMB would not have the authority to rule on the JDCL application because the bylaw under which it was made no longer exists.</p> <p>This creates a serious legal conundrum and a decision will be made on Thursday Oct. 6 as to whether the hearing can proceed. You won't want to miss this next session!</p>
2016-09-19	Ontario Municipal Board Hearing on Hidden Quarry application begins Tuesday, September 27	<p><b>On September 27</b> the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing on the Hidden Quarry proposal by James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) will begin at 10:30 in the Council Chambers of Guelph Eramosa Township at 8348 Wellington Road 124, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0. The Hearing may last from 5 – 7 weeks...<a href="#">Media Release.</a></p>
2016-07-25	Milton endorses Halton Region Objection to Hidden Quarry Application	<p><b>On July 25, Milton Councillors voted unanimously to endorse Halton Region's objection to the Hidden Quarry application.</b><a href="#">Media Release pdf</a> Halton Region is a Party at the OMB Hearing and will bring 6 experts to speak to concerns related to blasting, hydrogeology, natural environment and planning. CRC made <b>presentation</b> to Milton Council supporting the motion and illustrating the sensitive environmental areas surrounding the quarry with a<b>3D model</b>.</p>
2016-04-14	Georgetown IFP - April 14, 2016	Georgetown IFP - April 14, 2016
2016-03-23	Hidden Quarry and Dolime featured in Mike Schreiner's statement on International Water Day	<p><b>Hidden Quarry and Dolime featured in Mike Schreiner's statement on International Water Day</b></p> <p>Mike Schreiner is the Leader of Ontario's Green Party, and has supported residents in many Ontario locations who are fighting pit and quarry proposals. He has been very active on the Dolime Quarry case in Guelph, working with all political parties and Wellington Water Watchers to address the accidental break in the aquitard caused by James Dick Construction Limited which operates that quarry. This break affects Guelph's drinking water source and future. JDCL may affect our future and our water too... <a href="https://youtu.be/IDZ6t3fOwws">https://youtu.be/IDZ6t3fOwws</a></p>

2016-03-01	CRC Newsletter - 2nd OMB Pre-Hearing Conference March 1, 2016	This newsletter brings you a brief report on the OMB Pre-Hearing Conference which took place this morning by phone. Formal minutes will be prepared by the OMB. CRC Newsletter - 2nd OMB Pre-Hearing Conference, March 1, 2016.pdf  CRC Issues List March 1 2016.pdf
2016-02-22	CRC Successful Fundraising Meeting at Rockmosa	<b>The CRC initial fundraising meeting</b> at Rockmosa this past Monday was a great success. The CRC's message that "now is the time to give" with our last chance stand at the OMB pending was embraced by a full house of 150 residents. A 4 foot by 8 foot scaled model showing the proposed excavated pit and how it would look against the surrounding countryside was unveiled. It drew great interest from the crowd, clearly illustrating many of the negative impacts that a quarry would have. CTV coverage of the Meeting
2016-01-29	New Tanner - Radon Gas: The Silent Killer	New Tanner - Radon Gas: The Silent Killer New Tanner January 29, 2016
2016-01-19	CRC January Newsletter	January Reminders and OpportunitiesCRC Newsletter - January reminders and opportunities.docx.pdf
2015-12-16	CRC Responds to Ontario Gov't's Blueprint for Change re Aggregate Resources Act	The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has released Blueprint for Change, A Proposal to Modify and Strengthen the Aggregate Resources Act Policy Framework. Like many municipal governments, citizens' groups and other non-profit organizations as well as industry, CRC has built on its submission to the ARA Legislative Review Committee two years ago. In its response to the Blueprint, CRC states that the proposed changes do not address many of the issues which make the plethora of aggregate licence applications, like Hidden Quarry, so problematic to communities and for the environment.  Guelph Eramosa Council has endorsed the CRC response and appended it to the Township submission.
2015-12-03	New Tanner November 26, 2015	Mayor Rick Bonnette of Halton Hills is keeping the public informed of the OMB process as it prepares for a Hearing on the Hidden Quarry New Tanner November 26, 2015
2015-12-03	Independent Article - Traffic Issues	Traffic issues, including gravel truck haulage from the proposed Hidden Quarry, remain high on the agenda at Halton Hills Council. Halton Hills_Truck Traffic
2015-11-28	New Tanner - First OMB Pre-Hearing held at Rockmosa for Hidden Quarry	New Tanner - First OMB Pre-Hearing held at Rockmosa for Hidden Quarry OMB Pre-Hearing 11122015.pdf

2015-11-24	CRC Newsletter OMB Update	<p><b>CRC Newsletter OMB Update</b></p> <p>Last Monday the OMB held its first Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) on the Hidden Quarry application at Rockmosa Community Hall. CRC was represented by Laura Bisset, Associate legal counsel with Chris Barnett of DLA Piper. Brief summary of the key decisions made at the OMB Pre-Hearing Conference: CRC Newsletter OMB Update</p>
2015-11-03	CRC Heads to the OMB Pre-Hearing Conference with Legal Counsel	<p><b>CRC Heads to the OMB Pre-Hearing Conference with Legal Counsel however: IMPORTANT - 1. Attend to show the strength of community concern;</b></p> <p><b>2. If you wish to speak during the hearing, register with the OMB as a "Participant" to officially record your concerns. This could have important legal value for you IF the OMB allows the quarry!</b></p> <p>You <b>DO NOT</b> need a lawyer to be a participant because the CRC will be fighting on everyone's behalf. Just attend the meeting Monday November 9, 10:30 a.m. at Rockmosa <b>OR</b> if you can't attend, authorize a friend to deliver a letter on your behalf authorizing them to submit your name as a participant. (details; sample letter).</p> <p>We'll be fighting alongside GET Council, Halton Hills, Milton, and Halton Region. CRC Newsletter - What you need to know about the OMB Pre-Meeting; sample letter</p>
2015-10-28	September Fund-Raising Events A Success!	<p><b>September Fund-Raising Events A Success!</b></p> <p>Our three major September fund-raising events – Second Annual Golf Tournament, Bike and Hike Rockwood and Around the Greek Table – raised over \$10,000. CRC Newsletter - September Fund-Raising Events</p>
2015-10-07	GET Votes to Oppose the Hidden Quarry at OMB	<p><b>GET Votes to Oppose the Hidden Quarry at OMB!</b></p> <p>Guelph Eramosa Township Council has voted unanimously to advise the Ontario Municipal Board that Council opposes the approval of the application for the "Hidden Quarry." Mayor Chris White added: "Our residents have expressed a number of concerns related to the proposed quarry. While some were addressed in technical assessments, a number still remain unresolved in our opinion, or have not been resolved to our satisfaction. In light of this, we are requesting that the OMB not approve the application in its current state." GET Media Release; GET Resolution; CRC Newsletter</p>
2015-10-04	Milton Says No to Hidden Quarry	<p><b>Milton Says No to Hidden Quarry:</b> Milton Council stands united in voting NO to Hidden Quarry...<b>Inside Halton Article;</b> CRC Newsletter</p>

2015-09-17 GET Council Meeting Follow-up  
**Save Rockwood:** A large turnout of Rockwood and area residents along with neighbouring politicians turned out Tuesday night at the Rockmosa GET Council meeting to insure that GET Council knows that **if they don't fight to save our community** and the Hidden Quarry is allowed it will send Rockwood's wonderful quality of live **into a tailspin and property values with it.** Polluted water and air, dangerous truck traffic for school children and commuters, blasting damage and dangerous flyrock, noise 6 to 6, 6 days a week are some of the things that will drive people away. **See these articles for details:**Georgetown IFP;Wellington Advertiser

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The Township Planning Consultant, Elizabeth Howson, has submitted her planning report. **Regrettably,** the essential recommendation of the report is that the Hidden Quarry rezoning application “be recommended to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval in principle, subject to. . .” **If you don't agree** then now's the time to let GET know it. **Join the CRC in a peaceful protest** being at **6pm** before the 7pm GET Council meeting at **Rockmosa Hall on September 10th.**

2015-07-19 Concerned Residents Address Guelph Eramosa Township Council  
June 1, 2015...**CTV attended June 1 Guelph Eramosa Township Meeting,** along with local residents. Two weeks after JDCL announced that it was referring the re-zoning application to change the land use of the proposed Hidden Quarry site from Agricultural to Industrial (extraction), more than 150 community residents turned out to support the CRC's presentation on CRC questions raised with Council since 2013 which were still outstanding, and to hear local residents Peter Kauss and Doug Hueman present their concerns about the proposed quarry. Reporter Ginella Massa also interviewed CRC President Doug Tripp and Mayor Chris White for the evening news. CTV Coverage of CRC and resident presentations to GET Council, June 1, 2015

2015-07-19 Duff Sheep Farm Celebration highlights Hidden Quarry concerns for local farmers  
**June 1, 2015...CTV attended the Duff Sheep Farm Celebration** and covered the issues of concern to local farmers on June 20, 2015. Reporter Carina Sledz included excerpts from speeches by Glen Duff (sheep farmer), Stephanie DeGrandis (cattle farmer) and Doug Tripp (CRC President). CTV coverage of Duff Sheep Farm Celebration June 20, 2015

2015-05-24	JDCL (James Dick) to take Hidden Quarry Application to OMB	<p>Rockwood May 24, 2015... In a delegation to Guelph Eramosa Township (GET) Council on Tuesday May 19, <b>Greg Sweetnam, VP and spokesperson for James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL)</b>, applicant for the Hidden Quarry aggregate licence, announced “We believe further delays would not benefit either the Township or us, and <b>we have applied to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to have this application brought before it.</b>” He further cautioned GET Council, saying “<b>We believe it would be very difficult and expensive for the town to mount credible opposition</b> to the application at this point given the high degree of professional consensus from all corners.”</p> <p>The JDCL decision to refer the re-zoning decision to the OMB has been <b>made despite</b> the fact that GET Council is still in the process of its full review...full CRC Media Release.JDCL presentation to GET Council.</p>
2015-04-28	MP Michael Chong: Recommendation for Review of Brydson Creek Fish Habitat by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans	<p>MP Michael Chong has written to Dale Nicholson, Regional Director, Ecosystems Management in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans requesting a detailed review of the JDCL application in respect to the existing fish habitat in Brydson Creek. In the fall of 2014 the Concerned Residents Coalition commissioned a study of Brydson Creek just south of the proposed quarry site. Aquatic Ecologist Dr. Karl Schiefer’s report identified a thriving brook trout population in excellent cold water habitat in the Creek. The Creek originates north of the proposed Hidden Quarry and flows through the Hidden Quarry site before crossing under Highway 7 into Halton Region/Milton...Letter from MP Chong to Fisheries Protection Program</p>
2015-04-27	MPP Ted Arnott: Recommendations regarding aggregate extraction licencing in Ontario	<p>In a recent letter MPP Ted Arnott has written to the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the status of recommended changes to the Aggregate Resources Act. This letter addresses some of the issues relevant to our region where more and more communities and natural environments are faced with applications for aggregate extraction. Currently provincial policy is weighted very heavily in favour of the aggregate industry, as many of the submissions to the Aggregate Resources Act Review Committee demonstrated....Letter-Ted-Arnott-to-Bill-Mauro-MNR-Aggregate-Resources-Act-2015-04-22.pdf</p>
2015-04-14	Exciting News! - CRC Applauds Halton Hills Council on Motion	<p>The municipal Council for the Town of Halton Hills passed a motion tabled by Mayor Rick Bonnette that “the Ontario Government amend the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act to require aggregate extraction proponents to <b>demonstrate need</b> for the particular supply of resource proposed for extraction.”Click here for the CRC Media Release and further details.</p>

2015-03-01	What a great crowd!	<b>What a great crowd!</b> A standing room only crowd packed the Eden Mills Community Hall to show their concern about the Hidden Quarry proposal and get an update on the CRC's efforts to insure that this quarry doesn't ruin our community and country side. A presentation on Amabel rock formation and the number of properties that will probably become quarries if the Hidden Quarry gets developed sent a shiver through the room. Click here for the newsletter.
2015-02-27	CRC Community Meeting Draws Large Crowd	<b>CRC Community Meeting Draws Large Crowd</b> - The meeting last Thursday, February 26 at the Eden Mills Community Hall drew a standing-room crowd of residents from the region. They were concerned about the Hidden Quarry proposal and looking for information. They left educated and relieved knowing that <b>if we all join in on the fight we can save this bad situation</b> . Click here for the full media release.
2015-02-24	Municipal board fight seems certain over Hidden Quarry east of Guelph	<b>Municipal board fight seems certain</b> over Hidden Quarry east of Guelph and it <b>may begin this year</b> . Click here for the article.
2015-02-23	1000 Trees at Risk	<b>1000 beautiful spruce and pine</b> will be <b>clear cut</b> for the proposed Hidden Quarry open pit mine. Click here to learn more.
2015-02-23	CRC Community Meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Eden Mills Community Hall	<b>Reminder:</b> CRC Community Meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Eden Mills Community Hall. Click here for agenda.
2015-02-14	Community Meeting Addresses Urgent Deadlines of Hidden Quarry Application	<b>Important:</b> CRC Community Meeting on Thursday, February 26 at 7 pm in the Eden Mills Community Hall will provide information on <b>fast approaching deadlines</b> , and updates on what the CRC has been doing to reveal the <b>many serious problems</b> surrounding this proposed quarry. Click here for media release.
2015-02-12	Gravel pits not a matter of just digging them up	<b>Quarry opposition NOT NIMBY-ism</b> or “spiteful and a little bit whiney” as one ill-informed person wrote to the Guelph Tribune. The health and well-being of our community is at stake. Click here for article.
2015-02-02	Objector Response Help for JDCL Letter	<b>Feb. 12 Deadline:</b> The CRC have prepared some material which will help you to respond to the James Dick Construction Limited letter you received last week. <b>Click here for details</b> . Click here for media release.

2015-01-26	CRC Newsletter Jan. 26 - Have you received a letter from James Dick in the last few days?	Have you received a <b>letter from James Dick</b> in the last few days? They give the impression that everything is fine <b>BUT IT'S NOT. There are still many issues and much to be worried about!</b> The CRC continues to hold their feet to the fire and your continued involvement keeps that fire hot. Click here to find out more about the letter in the Jan. 26 CRC Newsletter. Note that if you received the letter <b>by registered mail</b> then you <b>need to act by Feb 12</b> . If you did not receive the letter by registered mail you might want to ask your councillor and James Dick why.
2015-01-26	Brydson Family Donation Generates Fish Study	<b>Brydson Family Donation:</b> Thanks to a donation from the Brydson family who own the farm across Hwy. 7 from the proposed Hidden Quarry site, CRC was able to engage a consultant to survey the habitat for and population of brook trout in this cold water creek, confirming that this is a significant <b>breeding area for brook trout</b> . Click here for report.
2015-01-25	Concerned Residents Coalition Still Concerned in 2015!	<b>Rockwood, January 27, 2015...</b> The Concerned Residents Coalition, launched in March 2013 and now more than 700 supporters strong, enters 2015 with as much energy and determination as ever as it pursues its efforts to secure a fair and thorough evaluation of James Dick Construction Limited's (JDCL) application to establish a pit and quarry (Hidden Quarry) in Guelph Eramosa Township (GET). Click here for the full CRC Media Release.
2015-01-17	CRC Newsletter Jan. 17 - CRC at Work! Participate in Making our Voices Heard!	<b>It's urgent!</b> Guelph Eramosa Township Council will be completing its studies and analyses over the next few months. Please send a letter, poem or story (copy to <a href="mailto:tocrc@crockwood.org">tocrc@crockwood.org</a> ) to your local councillor describing your community--Rockwood, Eramosa, Nassagaweya, or Acton--as you experience them. <b>How do you imagine the place where you live? Do you see a pit and quarry in that vision?</b> Click here for Jan. 17 CRC Newsletter.
2014-12-13	Preparations for the 2015 Garage Sale Underway	<b>Preparations for the 2015 Garage Sale</b> are underway. Please read the attached pdf to find out all about it. Click here for a pdf to share with your friends!
2014-09-15	CRC Endorses Candidates in GET Municipal Election	<b>Election Endorsements:</b> "We need a strong Council who will not only ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the quarry proposal, but one that will stand behind its decision and carry the fight to the Ontario Municipal Board if that becomes necessary," said CRC Vice President, Perry Groskopf. "In <b>Louise Marshall, Doug Tripp, John Scott and Chris White</b> we think we have candidates who have the skills, knowledge and the backbone to ensure that they will make an informed decision which will provide a good basis for that OMB fight if that's where this thing ends up". Click here for full release.

2014-09-05	Consultant recommends further work on controversial quarry by Kris Sveta, The Wellington Advertiser September 5 2014	<b>Consultant recommends further work on controversial quarry by Kris Sveta, The Wellington Advertiser September 5 2014</b> - Due to concerns expressed by many individual residents and the CRC at the public Council meeting on Aug 12 that the quarry operator James Dick will profit while the community pays in reduced property values, road maintenance costs, reduction of tax revenues, dangerous driving conditions, pollution, higher taxes (to cover all these losses), etc., council approved the hiring of a consultant to conduct the economic impact study, with the cost covered by James Dick Construction. <a href="#">Click here to read the full article.</a>
2014-08-15	The Wellington Advertiser - Economic impact study expected in quarry process - August 15, 2014	<b>The Wellington Advertiser - Economic impact study expected in quarry process by Kris Sveta - The Wellington Advertiser, August 15, 2014</b> - Over 200 unhappy attendees at the Aug 12 special public Council Meeting in Rockwood help Council realize that the "cost to the community" of the proposed Hidden Quarry mine needs a professional review. Reduced property values resulting in a loss of tax revenue is a likely cost to both individuals and the community. It's a slippery slope. One attendee presented Council with an email from their realtor explaining how a prospective buyer withdrew their interest on learning about the proposed quarry. Acton's mayor Rick Bonnette and a Milton Councilor with a quarry in his riding cautioned GET Council that quarries have many hidden costs in addition to the obvious ones. <a href="#">Click here to read the full article.</a>
2014-05-20	CRC to GET - Hydrogeology letter to GET from Garry Hunter, CRC Consultant	<b>Water!!!</b> - Read this hydrogeology letter to GET from CRC Consultant Garry Hunter to find out why we are concerned about water contamination should the Hidden Quarry proposal be approved. <a href="#">Click here to read the letter.</a>
2014-05-10	CRC Presentation to St. John's Anglican Church Public Forum	<b>CRC Presentation to St. John's Anglican Church Public Forum:</b> The CRC presented at the public forum on May 10 at St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood giving the packed house a stark review of the problems the Hidden Quarry is hiding. The developer James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) paints a rosy picture of their intentions but to date the CRC has uncovered problem after problem in their story. Every study presented by JDCL has raised red flags. Rockwood and the area face serious problems with dangerous traffic conditions, blasting hazards, environmental degradation, property devaluation, and the list goes on. <a href="#">Click here for details.</a>
2014-04-17	Township replaces planning consultant; Waste Wise of Georgetown donates \$500 to CRC	<b>GET replaces consultant; CRC endorsed by Waste Wise with \$500 donation.</b> The CRC is continually uncovering problems and deficiencies in the reports submitted to GET for the Hidden Quarry application. The CRC's diligence has been praised by council members and the environmental group Waste Wise of Georgetown has recognized the CRC's efforts with a \$500 donation. <a href="#">Click here for the New Tanner article.</a>

2014-03-27	Ontario Government Hijacked; Citizen's Groups Unite in Opposition	<p><b>This is an extremely serious and urgent matter.</b> Clause 2.5.2.3 is in effect a <b>'Trojan Horse'</b> clause that will lead to dramatically increased threats to water, air, and health in residential communities situated near pits and quarries across Ontario, with little or no oversight by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).</p> <p>The PitSense release addresses the proposed new Public Policy Statement from the Government of Ontario, due to come into effect on April 30, 2014. <b>CRC agrees with PitSense</b> that the new clause added to the PPS, made public only on January 29, 2014 encouraging "aggregate recycling facilities within operations wherever feasible," <b>adds a new concern for communities</b> like ours who are faced with a proposal to open a new quarry in close proximity to homes and farms, at the centre of several provincially significant wetlands and streams feeding private wells, springs and the Blue Springs Creek.</p> <p>Last fall, the Legislative Committee conducting the Review of the Aggregate Resources Act recommended that aggregate recycling be encouraged in Ontario. <b>While the concept of recycling is to be commended,</b> the regulations governing the process <b>must address many new issues including the toxic materials</b> which may be contained in salvaged materials and further impacts on local water sources and air quality. Recycling will also extend the life of the "interim" use of a quarry which will not have been foreseen in the original approval process. <b>This industrial process is not equivalent to aggregate extraction processes, which are already full of risk.</b> This recycling process, in any other setting, would be subject to Ministry of the Environment guidelines and scrutiny.</p> <p>The Public Policy Statement may have added the reference to recycling because the ARA recommendations had pointed the way. Moreover, the</p>
2014-03-21	Township wants clarification on conflicting reports of karst formation, The Wellington Advertiser, March 21, 2014	<p><b>Contradicting the Township's environmental report and the Ministry of Natural Resources' geologists,</b> one of James Dick Construction Ltd.'s hydrological reports states there is no karst geology on the site. The Township needs clarification because underground water flows easily through karst geology so it is very susceptible to pollution in a quarry, and its fragile structure makes for unpredictable dangerous blasting. <b>Two hazards too risky to ignore.</b> <a href="#">Click here for a slide show on the karst geology of our area.</a> <a href="#">Click here for the Wellington Advertiser article.</a></p>

2014-03-20	Quarry proponent scoffs at citizen expertise in fight against Hidden Quarry, New Tanner March 20, 2014	<b>Quarry proponent scoffs at citizen expertise in fight against Hidden Quarry, New Tanner March 20, 2014</b> - Despite 'disparaging' remarks by James Dick Construction Ltd. Executive, local citizen group avoids mudslinging and vows to let information 'speak for itself': The James Dick Executive ignores the weaknesses in their site reports, dismisses CRC geoscience and engineering experts as ignorant, then expects "ratepayers" to believe him when they say that that their plan will "guarantee the site doesn't have any "untoward effects" on the water quality or quantity." Really? They don't listen now. When the water or what's left of it is polluted do you think they will listen then? No, not likely. Click here to read the article.
2014-03-17	Karst Features within the Bedrock at the Hidden Quarry Site, GET Council Meeting, CRC Scientific Review Committee by Michael Venhuis and Bill Hill, March 17th 2014	<b>Karst Features within the Bedrock at the Hidden Quarry Site</b> , GET Council Meeting, CRC Scientific Review Committee by Michael Venhuis and Bill Hill, March 17th 2014: Michael and Bill are experts in the fields of geology and mining. This easy to understand fascinating presentation will teach you some interesting facts about the geology and hydrology of Rockwood and the surrounding area. In the process you will also learn some disturbing potential problems associated with the proposed Hidden Quarry mine. Click here to view this interesting slide show.
2014-03-14	Council sides with CRC call for more quarry water monitoring by Kris Sveta, Wellington Advertiser March 14, 2014	<b>Council sides with CRC call for more quarry water monitoring by Kris Sveta, Wellington Advertiser March 14, 2014:</b> Stephanie De Grandis and Michael Venhuis of the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) made a presentation to council at its March 3 meeting calling for better water monitoring information, safeguards for the groundwater aquifer and wells that supply water to several homes in the vicinity of the proposed quarry. Click here to read the full article.
2014-03-06	Can Township demand expanded water monitoring by Hidden Quarry proponent? New Tanner, March 6 2014	<b>Can Township demand expanded water monitoring by Hidden Quarry proponent?</b> Residents question quarry impact on well/ground water quality and quantity: Township councilors agree with the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) about the critical need for additional well monitoring in connection with James Dick Construction Ltd.'s (JDCL) application for a quarry on the north/east corner of Highway 7 and Sixth Line, between Rockwood and Acton. Read the full article.

2014-02-24	Legislative Committee of Ontario Recommendations for Aggregate Resources Act	<p><b>The Committee reviewing the Ontario Aggregate Resources Act has published its recommendations. The CRC has sent a formal response to the Committee, suggesting that the recommendations do not adequately address environmental, agricultural and planning concerns. CRC Comments on the ARA Review Report_dt.pdf</b> Over the preceding year and a half, this Committee, mandated by the Legislative Committee on General Government, heard submissions from hundreds of representatives of government, citizen groups, and environmental, farm and aggregate companies and organizations. Read the final report here. <b>Legislative Assembly Report on the Review of the ARA.pdf</b></p>
2014-02-20	Quarry opponets continue to marshal support and data - The New Tanner, February 20, 2014	<p><b>Quarry opponets continue to marshal support and data</b> - The New Tanner February 20, 2014:Scientific assessments of the environmental data, growing membership, raising money and preparing for the October municipal – those are some of the next steps of the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) in its fight against plans for a quarry on Highway 7, between Acton and Rockwood.Click here to read the full article.</p>
2013-12-10	Dangers Posed to Hwy. 7 by Hidden Quarry Flyrock	<p><b>William Hill Mining Consultants Limited describes the potential impact and danger of flyrock on Highway 7 traffic.</b> The highway is within 150 metres of the quarry for 1000 metres and within 500 metres for 1500 metres. Rocks close to 50 kg in mass have been known to travel up to 1200 m with speeds of 600 km/h with destructive effect. HQ Flyrock Dangers ref. Highway 7.pdf</p>
2013-11-29	CRC Concerned about Quarry Impact on Water Quality and Quantity	<p><b>CRC Member Michael Venhuis: "It's a very hydrogeologically delicate area".</b> Reports in the Wellington Advertiser and The New Tanner give details of Geochemist Michael Venhuis' presentation to GET Council.CRC concerned about hidden quarry.pdf;New Tanner Venhuis.pdf</p>
2013-11-11	GRCA Application Review Comments Released	<p><b>GRCA Application Review Comments Released:</b> The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has released comments from its review of the Hidden Quarry application, and has recommended that a decision on the application be deferred until several concerns have been addressed. <b>Hidden Quarry - GRCA Comments Nov 4 2013.pdf</b></p>
2013-11-04	Hidden Quarry Mining Impacts Report	<p><b>Hidden Quarry Mining Impacts Report Released:</b> CRC Member and mining engineer, Bill Hill, presented his assessment of the serious mining impacts likely to be the result of the proposed Hidden Quarry operation. Quarry BillHill report.pdf</p>
2013-10-31	ARA Review Report Released	<p><b>ARA Review Report Released:</b> The long-awaited Aggregate Resources Act Review Report has been released by the Province. This report addresses some of the issues that have been raised by CRC in regard to the Hidden Quarry application.ARA Review Report.pdf</p>

2013-10-11	Mushroom farmer: 'Entire operation could be lost' Wellington Advertiser	<b>"Mushroom farmer: 'Entire operation could be lost if quarry approved.' "</b> The Wellington Advertiser reports on presentation by W&T Mushroom farm, located next door to proposed Hidden Quarry site. Greg Sweetnam, Vice President of James Dick Construction Limited responds. Mushroom Farm Presentation
2013-09-20	Request for financial study denied	<b>What are the projected financial impacts of the proposed Hidden Quarry?</b> CRC member Perry Groskopf asks when GET Council will undertake a study on the impact of the HQ on property values, the Township tax base and increased public health and safety issues. The mayor said he would forward the request to its consultant, CUESTA Planning, for review but the township would not be acting on it right away. Full article.
2013-09-19	Quarry focus on finances	<b>"When will Guelph Eramosa Council engage a suitably qualified consultant...to carry out an economic analysis of the impacts of the proposed Hidden Quarry?"</b> asked CRC representative Perry Groskopf at the September 16 meeting of GET Council. The New Tanner
2013-09-12	Rocks, Water and Climate Change	<b>The trees are gone.</b> What was approximately forty hectares of managed pine woodland, wetland, and habitat has been replaced by yet another scar in the landscape and the noise, dust and disruption to natural water courses caused by a limestone quarry operation. Details PDF (One Thousand Trees website)
2013-08-16	Breen: Quarry proposal is "invasive"	<b>Councillor Breen reacts to presentation made by CRC member Stephanie De Grandis</b> to Guelph-Eramosa Township Council describing 11 major concerns of residents regarding the proposed Hidden Quarry - among them the potential impacts of the mining technique of underwater blasting. "This is uncharted territory for Canada and it's uncharted territory for our township," said De Grandis. CRC Presentation, Wellington Advertiser Article
2013-08-16	Councillor calls Hidden Quarry "invasive"	<b>Doug Breen recently left no question</b> how he currently feels about James Dick Construction's proposal for a quarry on Highway 7, east of Rockwood. "You could not make this (application) any more invasive than it is..." Breen said after hearing a presentation made by Stephanie De Grandis on behalf of CRC to the GET Township Council. Details CRC Presentation, New Acton Tanner
2013-08-12	Proposed Hidden Quarry - Health, Community and Environmental Impacts	<b>Proposed Hidden Quarry - Health, Community and Environmental Impacts</b> On August 23, 2013 Stephanie De Grandis, a CRC member and Lead on the CRC Scientific Assessment Working Group, made a presentation to GET Council highlighting 11 issues raised by the proposed Hidden Quarry/Pit. The CRC will research each of these issues in detail and bring their findings to the public. CRC Presentation
2013-06-26	Quarry Plan cuts close to Crewson's Corners	<b>"Opponents say the impact of the pit operations will be anything but hidden in the coming decades."</b> Erin Insight article highlights potential impact on significant cultural heritage site in Crewson's Corners.

2013-06-04	Halton Regional Council Endorses Letter of Objection	<b>Good news!</b> Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Halton, announced today that on May 29, 2013 Halton Regional Council adopted Report No. LPS40-13. Regional Council endorse the Letter of Objection to the Ministry of Natural Resources with respect to the <i>Aggregate Resources Act</i> Application for the proposed James Dick Construction Ltd. Hidden Quarry.Details PDF
2013-05-23	The IFP, Region concerned about Hidden Quarry	<b>The IFP, Region concerned about Hidden Quarry</b> By Julia Le, Metroland Media Group A proposed quarry near Rockwood strongly opposed by local residents in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa is getting heat from neighbouring towns... Click here for article PDF...link to IFP.
2013-05-22	Halton Objection Recommendation LPS40-13	<b>Halton Region Report</b> To Chair and Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee. "The purpose of Report LPS40-13 is to update Regional Council on the James Dick Construction Ltd. Hidden Quarry proposal in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, in the County of Wellington. This report will provide Regional Council with the background information on the proposed quarry; the status of the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) Application currently before the Ministry of Natural Resources; the status of the Planning Act application to the Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Zoning By-law Amendment Application); Regional staff's involvement in the process to date; and the next steps in the review process. Click here to View Report;Halton webpage.
2013-05-17	Group (CRC) says further study required to properly assess quarry application	<b>Group says further study required to properly assess quarry application:</b> by <i>Chris Daponte, The Wellington Advertiser</i> A group of concerned residents living near a proposed quarry southeast of Rockwood says more studies are required before authorities can properly assess the application. On May 6 Dan Kennaley, on behalf of the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC), asked Guelph-Eramosa council to require James Dick Construction to complete a cultural heritage study and a visual impact study as part of its zoning bylaw amendment application.More...
2013-05-13	Town of Milton has written a letter of objection in principle to the Quarry application.	Town of Milton has written to GET, MNR and JDCL a strong letter of objection in principle to the Quarry application, noting its potential impact on residents of Milton. A full review/assessment remains to be done. This report is submitted to the Committee which meets on Monday, May 13 at 7 pm in the Town Hall. It is not clear that there will be much discussion at this point, but it would be important that some representatives of Nassagaweya (wearing buttons) attend to show. more...

2013-04-19	Halton Region's Notice of Objection	<p>...Please be advised that Halton Region objects to the above-noted application for the following reasons: The Aggregate Resource Act (ARA) application is premature while Halton Region's review is still ongoing and technical information and planning matters remain outstanding. Issues which remain to be resolved include concerns regarding impact on hydrogeology, transportation, noise, and natural environment. The approval of the ARA application requires necessary planning approvals with the Township of Guelph-Eramosa which remains outstanding and, therefore, Halton Region is not able to take a position on this planning application at this time. The required Development Application Review fee for the review of applications requiring Planning Act Approval in Bordering Municipalities, established through By-law No. 134-12, has not been received by Halton Region.</p> <p>Due to above issues, the Aggregate Resource Act application should not be approved until the review process is completed. The letter can be viewed by clicking <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
2013-04-08	Concerned Residents Coalition Formed in Response to James Dick Construction's "Hidden Quarry" Proposal for Rockwood	<p>Guelph-Eramosa Township, Ontario – Residents of Guelph-Eramosa, Milton, Erin and Halton Hills have formed the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) to respond to the proposal by the James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL). The company has applied to open a gravel pit and quarry called the "Hidden Quarry" on the North side of Highway 7 at the 6th Line, between Acton and Rockwood. Area residents who want more information about the proposal or to join the CRC are urged to contact the Coalition. <a href="#">Click here for details...</a></p>
2013-03-28	Residents blast Hidden Quarry proposal	<p><b>Emotional, angry and openly skeptical</b>, approximately 200 people jammed Rockmosa... for a public meeting on James Dick Construction's proposal for a quarry at the north-west corner of Highway 7 and Sixth Line, east of Rockwood. The New Tanner</p>