



January 28, 2015

News from your Concerned Residents Coalition

Dear CRC members and supporters all!

The Board of the CRC continues to work flat out as we delve into the multi-faceted impacts of the proposed Hidden Quarry. Our community meeting on Thursday, February 26 in Eden Mills will update you on what we have accomplished. For now, here's some urgent business and further down the page more news.

URGENT AND REQUIRING YOUR ACTION!

Have you received a letter from James Dick in the last few days?

If you received a letter from JDCL, it is because you objected to the James Dick Construction Limited application in a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in March/April 2013. (You'll remember the flurry, I'm sure.)

The review schedule for an application to MNR for a licence to quarry is 2 years. Because the application was made in March 2013, the two years will soon be up and JDCL is required to send a letter by that date to MNR stating that the company has attempted to answer all objections raised by residents, government departments and agencies. If the company does not provide this assurance to MNR, the application is closed and the company must begin the application process again.

1. **Registered mail:** Some of the letters you are receiving from JDCL are being sent registered mail. In the cases where it is a registered letter, there is also a "**Notice of Objector Response**" stating that your response must have been received by JDCL/MNR on **Thursday, February 12** (apparently with reference to the date of your receipt of the letter), or else you will be considered to have no further objections. (See attached sample) If you do wish to respond, you will see that your response must go to both addresses listed on the notice. **CRC will assist you in preparing a response by providing appropriate information by February 1.** (See below*)
2. **Regular mail:** The same letter from JDCL is being circulated to others, but without the Notice of Objector Response. It would appear that those receiving this letter either have not submitted a formal objection in 2013, or have been excluded from the list of formal objectors for reasons which are not clear. If you did formally object and have not received the Notice of Objector Response, you should call Greg Sweetnam at JDCL (905-857-3500) to ask why.
3. **No letter/objection:** If you did make a formal objection in 2013 and have received neither letter by this Friday, January 30, you may wish to call **Greg Sweetnam** at JDCL (905-857-3500) to ask why, . Refer to the date of your original letter if possible.
4. **No letter/no objection:** If you did not make a formal objection in 2013, you will receive no letter, and you do not meet the MNR criteria to respond.

***CRC does continue to have objections to the approval of the aggregate licence, and does not agree that residents' objections and concerns have been satisfactorily answered by the JDCL letter. Furthermore, there are three studies still being carried out as a result of requests made by**

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CRC and at the direction of Guelph Eramosa Township: Haul Route, Economic Impact, and Agricultural Impact. These studies are focusing on significant concerns and obviously the findings arising from them will contribute to the overall quarry proposal evaluation. If, after reading the letter, you still wish to be on record as an objector, CRC can help you as follows:

- Within a week, CRC will provide a template/guidelines response letter for those who have received the JDCL letter. The CRC letter will itemize the outstanding issues.
- Your response must be delivered or sent by registered mail to both addresses listed here:

Greg Sweetnam
James Dick Construction Limited
14442 Hwy. 50
P.O. Box 470, Bolton, ON
L7E 3E2
1-905-857-3500

Kristy Sutherland
Ministry of Natural Resources/Guelph District
1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON
N1G 4Y2

- CRC will provide the names and addresses (or e-mails) of political representatives and government agencies who should also receive a copy of your letter by e-mail.
- Because there is a very short turn-around time regulated by MNR, **you have only until February 12, 2015 to respond.** As soon as you receive the CRC template, please add your signature, address and personal comments and send it by registered mail or deliver it by hand immediately.

Note:

If you need to talk to someone at CRC about this, please call **Doug Tripp at 519-856-4592.**

MORE CALLS TO ACTION!

1. MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Let's have a fully paid membership roster this year. CRC needs your support!
Please sign up and pay for your 2015 membership before February 28!
Just \$20/individual and \$35/family.

You can click here to use PayPal right now!

<http://www.crcrockwood.org/pages/membership.aspx>

Thanks to all paid-up members!

2. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- a. Monday, February 2, at 7 pm: CRC delegation to GET Council
- b. Tuesday, February 17, at 7 pm: CRC delegation to GET Council
- c. Thursday, February 26, at 7 pm: ****Important CRC Community Meeting at Eden Mills Community Hall**** (More information to come.)

3. Welcome CRC's new Coordinator for Volunteers – Alix Mabee!

We are excited to announce that CRC now has a Coordinator for volunteers – Alix Mabee of 6th Line Nassagaweya. She is, of course, a volunteer herself. You will have met her at the Garage Sale last year which she ably co-organized with Leanne Girardi. Here is her short bio.

Since 2006, I've been happily learning to stretch my urban roots into rural Nassagaweya, with my husband and friends. We moved here after two years of living in the UK and my 28 year career with RBC, based in Toronto and Montreal. I valued my career, where I had the opportunity to build expertise as an HR Advisor, Leadership and Instructor Trainer and for several years, a Recruitment Strategy Advisor, until resigning in 2004. Since 2013, I've volunteered with the CRC.

We need you to bring your skills and passion to the table! Please contact Alix amabee@crockwood.org if you would like to play an active role, big or small, in the CRC. The CRC is not the Board; the CRC is our community.

4. New Board Member News!

The CRC Board welcomes three excellent and informed new members -- Alex Kanarek, Dan Kennaley, and John Scott.

Alex Kanarek

My professional career, which finished at the end of March, 2014, covered 60 years experience in the research, development, manufacturing and marketing of biopharmaceutical products, especially vaccines, cancer therapeutics, insulins and immunosuppressants for organ transplantation. I was the author of definitive Guides to Compliance in GLP, GMP, GCP, Validation and Facilities Design and a Qualified Auditor for GLP/GMP compliance to N. American and European standards. Throughout this period, I also worked in community theatres in the UK and Canada, including Georgetown Little Theatre and Guelph Little Theatre.

Dan Kennaley

Dan Kennaley is a professional planner whose career has taken him to the Town of Caledon and Woolwich, to name just two. Supporters of CRC will know him as a Steering Committee member since the early days of CRC. His expertise in both the Aggregate Resources Act and Ontario's Municipal Planning Act and his experience with quarries and quarry applications is priceless as CRC proceeds. He is also a keen fisherman.

John Scott

John Scott and Elaine have been residents of Rockwood for the past 13 years. John has served the community as a Councillor for Ward 4 from 2005-2014. He initiated the GET and County Environmental Stewardship as well as the Trails and Green Legacy Committees. As a Councillor, John has been very engaged with the discussions and presentations regarding the proposed Hidden Quarry. John was a senior officer and pilot in the Canadian Forces for 25 years. This was followed this with some 25 years in commercial aviation as an aircraft captain, safety manager and instructor. He has had extensive involvement in community services with scouting and air cadets and continue to do so as a Governor for the Air Cadet League of Canada.

CRC Board 2015

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5. GET Council – We continue to bring vital issues to Township Council's attention.

- a) Municipal Elections 2014: The municipal elections are over and the CRC is back into its dialogue with Guelph-Eramosa Township Council. As you will recall, all those now elected to Council had agreed with the CRC during the campaign that the Hidden Quarry proposal must receive a fair and thorough assessment on all fronts.
- b) Additional Studies: In an October delegation to the incumbent GET Council, Perry Groskopf and Dan Kennaley thanked Council members for requiring, as CRC had requested, that an economic impact study, a haul route study (in collaboration with Halton Hills, Milton and Halton Region) and an agricultural impact study be undertaken. At that meeting GET Council had agreed that CRC should have input into the terms of reference for these studies. We were disappointed to learn that this Council motion was not followed, and that the terms of reference were prepared without our input. We did express our serious dissatisfaction to GET, but our detailed comments could, unfortunately, only be referred to consultants whose work was already in progress.

Blasting Peer Review: We went on to express our concern that JDCL was undertaking what it called a “peer review” of its original, inadequate, report on blasting, noise, vibration and risks of mining. While CRC accepted that JDCL might submit additional analysis, we still insisted that a full peer review be undertaken by qualified consultants on behalf of Township, and we expressed our lack of confidence in Novus, the Township's previous peer review consultants.

Documentation: We also noted several documents, detailed by Halton Region staff, which had not yet been posted to the GET website for public review.

Brook Trout Fishery Survey at Brydson Creek: 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 breeding area for brook trout. CRC

made a delegation to GET Council last Monday, January 19 and requested that GET require a full study of this fishery and the potential risks to this habitat downstream from the creek tributary and groundwater passing through the proposed quarry site.

- c) CRC Consultation with Township Engineers: Since June 2013, CRC has been requesting a meeting with R.J. Burnside and Associates, the Township's Engineering Consultants responsible for the technical review of the James Dick application. We are happy to report that CRC representatives met with Burnside on Monday, November 24th in what proved to be a productive discussion of the scientific reports and peer reviews relating to hydrogeology; we expect further meetings to be scheduled to address, blasting, noise, vibration, natural environment and more, with the goal of gaining insight into Burnside's analysis and of bringing CRC's ongoing and outstanding concerns to their attention.

Thanks for your attention and support,
Linda Sword – A proud Nassagaweya supporter of CRC!
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