



Newsletter March 1, 2015

Dear CRC supporters,

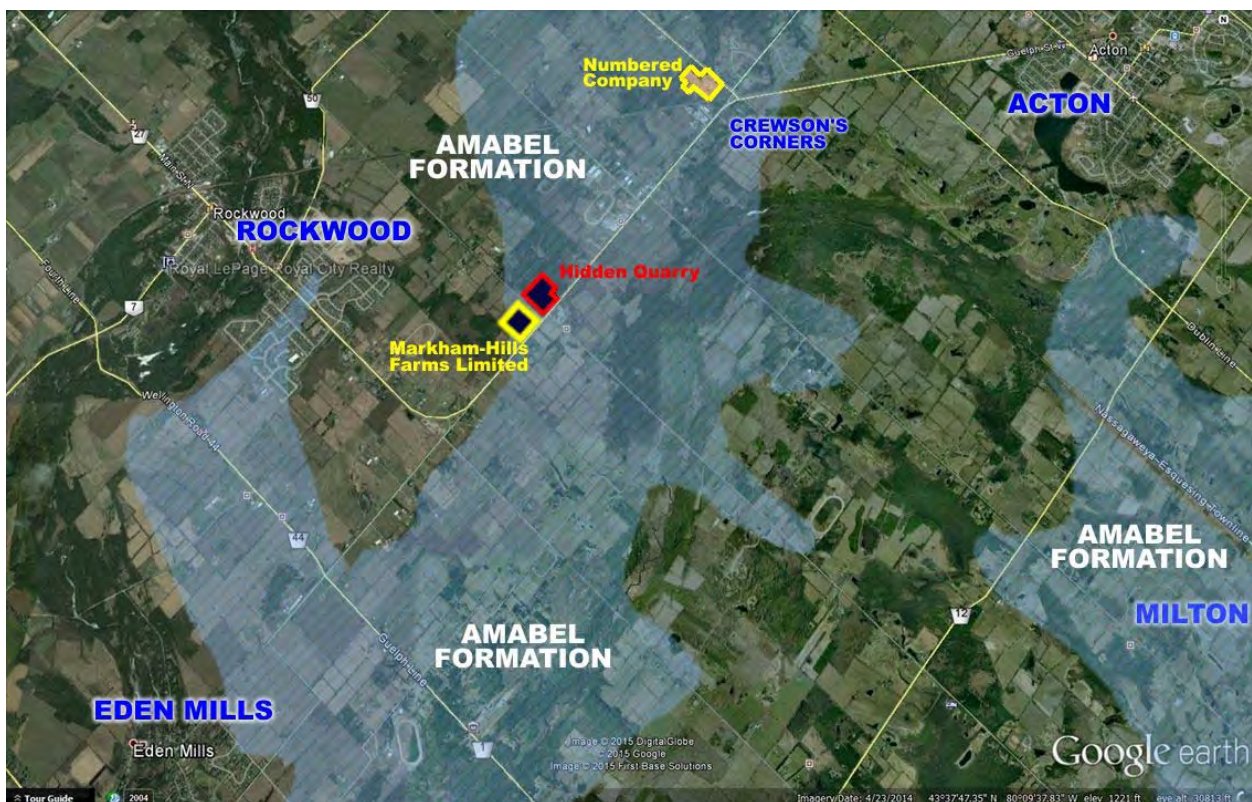
Together we will make the difference! - Attend Monday's GET Council meeting - March 2 at 7 pm!

What a great crowd! The Community Meeting we held last Thursday has stirred up a lot of conversation, activity, donations, memberships - Clearly the community is ready to make the difference in taking on the task of protecting the beauty, agriculture, water, heritage, air and everything that makes us want to live here. For those of you who couldn't attend, you should know that it was a packed and enthusiastic house. The message resonated with everyone in the Eden Mills Hall: "Now is the time to make the difference." Together we will let Guelph Eramosa Council know that there is a groundswell of support in the community for CRC's efforts to question the rosy picture of an industrial quarry site in our midst.



For those who did attend, we have added a short survey below. You can make CRC strong by letting us know what you think. **

Worrisome News! As you know, we live on the Amabel rock formation which is rich in aggregate, stretching from Erin to Eden Mills. We announced at the meeting that CRC had learned through investigation of public documents that at least two properties near the Hidden Quarry have been purchased by companies --in one case on the Eramosa/Erin Townline, and in the other by a company of which the directors have had close ties with James Dick Construction Limited. Where is this second property? Right across 6th Line Eramosa from the proposed Hidden Quarry site. **Will this community become a home for multiple quarries? for a mega-quarry?**



At the meeting Quentin Johnson outlined the **financial needs of CRC** if we are to prepare a powerful case at the OMB - He told us we need to raise \$600,000 over the next four years. At the same time, he made it clear that if, for example, all of our current 750 supporters made donations worth a loonie a day for 365 days, we'd be well on our way. Believe it or not, this would represent more than \$270,000!! Not all of us can give a lot, but if we all contribute, or at the very least, pay an annual membership, we have a beginning. In our first two years we raised a whopping \$55,000 - There are many people who have already showed generous support for what we are doing.

At the meeting, concerned residents lined up to pay their memberships and to make donations. At the end of the meeting, **Jacob Jagt of Rockwood and DC Construction stood up to shout out his challenge to other businesses to match the \$500 which he pledged on the spot.** Mayor Rick Bonnette of Halton Hills and Cindy Lunau both rushed to the microphone at the end of the meeting to make sure we knew that they were behind us, and more importantly, that they thought we could succeed.

I've attached the CRC media release which includes a few more details. If you weren't there, ask your neighbours if they were - Keep the word alive.

How can you make an immediate difference?

1. **Please pay your 2015 membership today.** Just click here: <https://crockwood-public.sharepoint.com/Pages/Membership-Application-Form.aspx>
2. **Attend tomorrow night's GET Council meeting to support the CRC delegation on property ownership (Monday, March 2nd at 7 pm, in the Council Chambers on the north side of Hwy 124 just west of Brucedale.)** - Let's show that we are hundreds. **Don't forget - you can ask questions of Council members after the CRC presentation.**
3. **Attend Tuesday night's Halton Hills Council meeting to support the CRC delegation on haul routes** (Tuesday, March 3 at 7 pm) Mayor Bonnette himself invited us.

****Meeting survey - just cut and paste these questions into an e-mail with your answers.**

Please answer with a 'yes' or 'no' the following questions, and add more if you wish.

1. Did the Community Meeting give you new information? ____
2. Did the Community Meeting meet your expectations? ____ If not, please explain why. ____
3. Do you feel you understand the issues more clearly after the meeting? ____
4. Did you leave the meeting with a clear idea of what actions you could take? ____
5. What would you like to hear more about at the next meeting? ____
6. Would you like to be contacted about volunteering? ____
7. Do you have any other comments about the meeting?

Thank you for being part of this exciting grassroots effort!

Your neighbour,

Linda Sword