



CRC Newsletter

OMB Update

November 26, 2015

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This is our first report on OMB proceedings. We will provide updates whenever appropriate. We are also planning a Community Meeting for the new year at which time we can provide more insights.

On Monday, November 9 the OMB held its **first Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)** on the Hidden Quarry application at Rockmosa Community Hall. OMB was represented by Chair Joseph Sniezek and Vice-Chair Karlene Hussey. Chair Sniezek will not take part in the Hearing itself. It is not yet known if Vice-Chair Hussey will participate again.

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:

1. **CRC** was accepted as a Party at the hearing on the Hidden Quarry.
2. **Guelph Eramosa Township** was accepted as a Party, represented by legal counsel, Elaine Costello of Aird & Berlis.
3. **Halton Region and the Town of Halton Hills** were accepted as Parties, represented by Jeffrey Wilker of Thomson Rogers and accompanied by David Germaine.
4. **James Dick Construction Limited** was accepted as a Party, represented by legal counsel, D.S. White.
5. The **Town of Milton** was not represented.
6. Two more **Pre-Hearing Conferences** were scheduled:
 - a. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 @ 11 am Location tbd
 - b. Thursday, May 5 & Friday, May 6, 2016 @ 10:30 am Location tbd
7. The **Hearing itself is scheduled to begin on September 27, 2016**. Counsels Bissett, Costello and Wilker gained OMB agreement to revisit the Hearing schedule, if findings warrant a change. For example, the Haul Route Study commissioned by GET, Milton, Halton Hills and Halton Region is not yet complete, and so scheduling the hearing is, at this point, pre-mature. The OMB schedule is crowded, so they would prefer that the Hearing take place as soon as possible.
8. **More than 70 residents signed up to be Participants in the Hearing.**

OMB Chair Sniezek asked all Parties to submit a list of issues and witnesses well before the next Pre-Hearing date. For preliminary purposes, legal counsel projected the estimated number of expert witnesses as follows:

- GET - 8 witnesses
- Halton Hills and Halton Region - 8 witnesses
- JDCL - 12 witnesses
- CRC has yet to determine the number of witnesses it will/can call.

What's ahead?

Participants: Thanks to everyone who came to the Pre-Hearing Conference to sign up as Participants. Chair Sniezek was clearly amazed at the numbers. Not everyone who signed up will have to speak. CRC will be working with legal counsel and participants as we focus the CRC case and determine how many and what kind of participant statements will help without redundancy. We have the complete list of those who signed up and we will be in touch over the next several months.

Wellington Water Watchers is also a Participant, a welcome contributor!

CRC Funding: We must now raise enough funds to cover legal and witness costs. With the Hearing scheduled for next September, there is a very short time to raise the estimated **\$300,000 to \$400,000** we will require to make a strong and decisive case.

We will soon be providing you with a description of our projected expenses and funds raised to date so that you can understand what your contribution will mean and the easiest way to support CRC.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY, BUT...

CRC CAN ONLY DEFEAT THE HIDDEN QUARRY APPLICATION

WITH EVERYONE'S HELP.

**If you would like to discuss a donation with us, please don't hesitate to contact
Linda Sword (519-853-1896) or Quentin Johnson (519-856-2346).**

First OMB Fund-raiser: The CRC Bottle Drive!



Here's one way you can help! If every one of our 1000 CRC supporter saves their LCBO and Beer Store bottles and cans now and over the holidays, we can raise hundreds or thousands of dollars' worth of lawyers' hours. Tell your friends and neighbours too!

Empty bottles = a fuller CRC bank account!

- You can drop bottles or cans off anytime, as often as you want, between now and Saturday, January 16 at **136 Bernardi Crescent, Rockwood**. Just leave them in the bin by garage door.
- If you need a pick-up, just call or e-mail Elisabeth Crha: 519-856-1428 or 519-362-2015 or elisabeth.crha@crcrockwood.ca.
- The final day for drop-off is the 16th of January.

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