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MEDIA RELEASE

CRC Endorses Candidates in GET Municipal Election

Rockwood, September 15, 2014...The Concerned Residents Coalition has endorsed candidates in the upcoming municipal election. After meeting with candidates for Guelph Eramosa Township who were not acclaimed, the CRC has come out in support of Louise Marshall in Ward 3 and Doug Tripp in Ward 4. When it comes to the race for mayor, the Coalition has endorsed both candidates, John Scott and Chris White.

The Concerned Residents Coalition is worried about the potential negative impacts of the proposed Hidden Quarry and has been pushing Council to ensure that the proposed Quarry receives a thorough and comprehensive evaluation. The Quarry is proposed to be located at the northeast corner of Highway 7 and the 6th Line Eramosa.

The Coalition decided to endorse candidates in the municipal election, which is scheduled for October 27, because it wanted to ensure that the newly elected Council would support the Coalition's goal of making sure the proposed quarry would not be approved unless it could be demonstrated that it would not have unacceptable impacts.

"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 Louise Marshall, Doug Tripp, John Scott and Chris White 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".

"When we talked to Louise Marshall, we quickly realized that she understood the issues surrounding the proposed Quarry and had experience in the municipal venue as a determined advocate, both of which were going to stand her in good stead when it comes time for the new Council to make a decision on the rezoning for the quarry," observed Groskopf. "We were also impressed with her volunteer efforts, for which she has been recognized, and her general willingness to listen."

"On the other hand, the other candidate in Ward 3, J. Robbin Wood declined a meeting with us, which is a cause of some concern," Groskopf noted. "Doug Tripp in Ward 4 is president of the Concerned Citizens Coalition and has been instrumental in the Coalition's efforts to date, said Groskopf, "and although we will lose his leadership within the Coalition if he is elected to Council, we have to acknowledge that he will be potentially more valuable as a member of Council in ensuring that the Hidden Quarry is comprehensively

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evaluated. Doug knows the Hidden Quarry issues very well, and he has outstanding qualifications, experience and skills that give us the outmost confidence that he will be an outstanding member of the new Council.

"That's not to say that we weren't also impressed with the other candidate in Ward 4, Mark Bouwmeester," observed Groskopf. "It's just that in Doug Tripp you have someone who has done such a good job for the CRC already."

"The meetings with John Scott and Chris White both went very well and we came away with good impressions of both candidates in terms of what they knew about the Hidden Quarry and what they were prepared to do about it if the results of the quarry evaluation warranted turning down the rezoning application," Groskopf advised. "They both acknowledged that they had learned a lot about the quarry since the application was first made, they both acknowledged that the CRC had played an important role in that education process, and they both indicated that Council should play a new and more critical role as the evaluation of the quarry application proceeds in the new term. They also both indicated that one of the things they would do moving forward is to look for more help from Halton Hills, Milton and Halton Region. Consequently we felt that both candidates deserved the endorsement of the Coalition".

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