



Concerned Residents Coalition

Media Release

“Hidden Quarry” Community Meeting in Rockwood on Monday, February 10 at 7:30 pm Guest Speaker: Carl Cosack

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The third Community Meeting of the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) will take place on **Monday, February 10 at 7:30 pm at Rockmosa Community Centre in Rockwood**. Everyone is welcome.

The evening’s guest speaker will be **Carl Cosack**, the “quarry-breaking cowboy” and former Chair of **NDACT** (North Dufferin and Community Task Force). Under his leadership **NDACT** won an enormous victory against a US hedge fund when they stopped the application for the Mega-Quarry, the largest proposed quarry in Ontario. He has now turned his attention, as Chair of the new organization, **Food and Water First**, to seeking permanent legislative protection for farmland. He will talk about his experience fighting the Melancthon Quarry, which, like the proposed Hidden Quarry, was located in an agricultural community. Carl Cosack was named “Local Hero of the Year” by the Hill Times.

In March 2013, residents of Guelph-Eramosa, Milton, Erin and Halton Hills formed the **Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC)** to respond to the proposal by the **James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL)** 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.

Since then, CRC has held two community meetings in different parts (Eden Mills and Acton) of the potentially affected region to keep residents informed of progress on the application, as well as the steps CRC is taking. The Rockwood meeting will bring residents up-to-date on important CRC research and presentations made to Guelph-Eramosa Township Council during the fall of 2013.

To date, CRC has voiced serious concerns about JDCL’s proposed blasting techniques, “fly rock”, increased truck traffic, and the negative impact of quarry operations on local businesses, food production, and the quality of our water and air. The proposed Hidden Quarry would have an impact far beyond its property lines, affecting the homes, natural environment, safety and well-being of residents in **Rockwood, Acton, Milton (Nassagaweya) and Guelph-Eramosa**.

Because the CRC membership is growing steadily and now includes more than 500 residents, it is impossible to continue to hold “kitchen” meetings. It is, however, the intention of the CRC to maintain the collective spirit of those first meetings. The meeting on February 10 will be an ideal opportunity to join the CRC, obtain lawn signs and sign up for the CRC newsletter.

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Meeting Details:

When: Monday, February 10, 2014 @ 7:30 pm

Where: Rockmosa Community Centre
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