



## Concerned Residents Coalition

### Media Release

# General Meeting about Rockwood “Hidden Quarry” in Acton on Wednesday, June 19

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The second General Meeting of the Concerned Residents Coalition will take place on **Wednesday, June 19 in the Theatre at the Acton Town Hall Centre**. Everyone is welcome.

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 6<sup>th</sup> Line, between Acton and Rockwood.

The CRC is holding General Meetings on a regular basis to keep residents informed of progress on the application, as well as the steps CRC is taking. General meetings also provide an opportunity for residents to have their questions answered and to raise their concerns about the Hidden Quarry. Because the CRC membership is growing steadily and now includes more than 300 households, 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 agenda will include brief reports on the CRC’s activities to date, the progress of the application for re-zoning in Guelph-Eramosa Township and for the permit from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, some insights into the scientific research on the impact of the proposed pit/quarry, and more. “Stop the Hidden Quarry” lawn signs will be available.

Residents have expressed concerns about the impact of pit and quarry operations on health, safety, traffic, the natural environment, peace, wells, property values, water resources, cultural heritage resources and quality of life. Two significant population centres would be affected, Rockwood and Acton, as well as the Blue Springs Creek watershed which is at the top of the Grand River watershed, supplying wells for dozens of households and farms and feeding into the Eramosa River at Eden Mills.

CRC meetings will take place in different parts of the potentially affected region so that they are accessible to all concerned. In the case of **Acton/Halton Hills**, the excavation of 700,000 tonnes of gravel and rock a year would send at least 26 heavy and dusty trucks an hour onto the two-lane Highway 7, through the town of Acton, continuing on Hwy. #25 en route to the 401, merging with an equal number of Dufferin Aggregates trucks South of Acton.

The Acton Town Hall Centre has been recently restored and retrofitted. The official opening of this exciting new cultural venue took place on May 5, 2013.

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### Meeting Details:

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm

Acton Town Hall Centre

19 Willow Street North (just North of Queen Street, one block East of Main Street)

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