



Concerned Residents Coalition

Media Release

Concerned Residents Coalition holds Community Meeting on Hidden Quarry in Halton Hills, Thursday, April 7

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The **Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC)** is holding its 6th **Community Meeting** about the **Hidden Quarry**, proposed by James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL). It will take place on **Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm at Acton Town Hall Centre at 19 Willow Street, Acton.**

The meeting will address the status of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Hearings on the proposed Hidden Quarry in Guelph Eramosa Township (GET), the role that the CRC will play at the Hearings and how residents can support **this crucial last opportunity** to make a strong case objecting to the quarry proposal. The next OMB Pre-Hearing Conference is scheduled for May 25, 2016.

The Town Council of Halton Hills has objected strongly to the proposal with special emphasis on the impacts of the proposed 26 trucks an hour on haul routes through downtown Acton, Georgetown and Norval.

A **3D scale model** of the proposed quarry will be on display. **Artist Susan Strachan Johnson**, the model builder, will be present to highlight the issues the model reveals. **Blue Yonder**, Rockwood's own country/folk ensemble will also perform live the original song ***Man-Made Thunder***, dedicated to fighting the Hidden Quarry by **Wendi Hunter**.

In 2013 JDCL had applied to Guelph Eramosa Township for approval to re-zone the proposed site (Highway 7 at 6th Line Eramosa between Rockwood and Acton) from 'agricultural' to 'industrial/extractive' in 2013. The company had also applied to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for a licence to mine aggregate. CRC has studied the proposal and opposes the Hidden Quarry.

In May 2015, JDCL referred both applications to the OMB. In November, at the OMB's first Pre-Hearing Conference, CRC was accepted as a Party to the hearing. Other Parties opposing the application include **GET** and the neighbouring **Regional Municipality of Halton, which speaks for the Towns of Halton Hills and Milton** within its jurisdiction. As a Party, CRC will be represented by Chris Barnett, legal counsel with D.L.A. Piper. Mr. Bartlett has extensive experience at the OMB and successfully represented the Town of Caledon at Caledon's Rockfort Quarry OMB hearings. The Rockfort Quarry, proposed by JDCL, was turned down in 2010.

CRC is working to protect your community and your environment. All are welcome to the community meeting.

Event details:

Thursday, April 7, 2016
7 pm
Acton Town Hall Centre
19 Willow Street, Acton

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