



Concerned Residents Coalition

Media Release

Milton Council donates \$10,000 to CRC

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At its meeting on August 25, Milton Councillors voted unanimously to donate \$10,000 to the Concerned Residents Coalition to support its efforts to object to the Hidden Quarry proposed by James Dick Construction Limited to be located at the north end of Milton's 5th Line Nassagaweya where it meets Highway 7 and the border with Guelph Eramosa Township. This motion follows on Milton Council's July endorsement of Halton Region's position on the Hidden Quarry.

CRC is one of three objecting parties to the Hidden Quarry aggregate licence application along with Halton Hills and Halton Region. Given the large number of objections to the proposed quarry, JDCL has appealed the case to the Ontario Municipal Board. Hearings begin on September 27, 2016 and will run for 5 to 7 weeks. This funding, combined with Milton Council's endorsement of Halton Region's position will make it clear to the public, the province and the OMB that Milton is taking the issues related to the quarry application seriously.

The Concerned Residents Coalition, a grassroots group of more than 1100 residents from rural Milton, Guelph Eramosa Township (Rockwood) and Halton Hills (Acton, Georgetown and Norval), is raising funds in order to cover OMB Hearing expenses including legal fees and expert witnesses specializing in hydrology, hydrogeology, blasting, aquatic habitat and planning. Halton Region will represent the concerns of the Town of Milton at the Hearing. Halton Hills is bringing the issue of increased heavy traffic in the main streets of Acton to the table. Guelph Eramosa Township has donated \$70,000 towards CRC's expert witness expenses.

The Milton motion was moved by Councillor Lunau and seconded by Councillor Malboeuf, who indicated, in support of CRC's ongoing work, that this is "money well spent...with the benefits outweighing the costs."

The motion read:

WHEREAS Milton town council unanimously endorsed a resolution indicating their objection to the Hidden Quarry proposal that will be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board in September 2016;

AND WHEREAS the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) is also a party to the OMB hearings in opposition to this proposed quarry;

AND WHEREAS the CRC has commissioned reports by experts showing the potential adverse effects of this proposed quarry on the residents of rural Milton (Nassagaweya);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Milton Council will support the Concerned Residents Coalition environmental studies with a donation to a maximum of \$10,000, to be funded from the slot reserves, conditional on the following:

1. That such payments be made to the CRC upon the CRC filing receipts and proof of payment for its costs with the Town; and
2. That receipts and proof of payment not covered through the donation by the Township of Guelph-Eramosa or any other municipal donation, only be considered for reimbursement.

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