



Media Release

Milton Council endorses Halton Region's Opposition to Hidden Quarry Proposal

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On Monday evening, July 25, Milton Councillors voted unanimously to endorse Halton Region's opposition to the James Dick Construction Limited's proposal for the Hidden Quarry to be located in Guelph Eramosa Township on Highway 7 between Rockwood and Acton. The motion was made by Councillor Cindy Lunau and seconded by Councillor Colin Best, who is also a Councillor for Halton Region. (See full text of the motion below.) It was applauded by an overflow crowd.

In September 2015, Milton Council had voted unanimously to object to the Hidden Quarry application and to request that staff provide information as needed to support Halton Region's position at any hearings. Now, by endorsing Halton Region's opposition, Milton is on record as the application enters an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing beginning on September 27, 2016 at the Council Chamber in Guelph Eramosa Township.

Linda Sword of the Concerned Residents Coalition made a delegation to Milton Council in support of the motion. CRC represents more than 1100 residents of the area surrounding the proposed quarry site, of whom approximately one third are Milton residents. In her presentation she referred to CRC's 3D scale model of the area around the Hidden Quarry site created by Everton artist Susan Strachan Johnson. The model dramatically shows the environmentally significant features in close proximity to the quarry site, including creeks and wetlands, homes, private wells, a Rockwood municipal well, farms, cultural heritage structures and much more.

Sword's statement re-iterated that CRC's mandate is "to make every effort to promote and support a thorough and fair assessment of the HQ application...and to provide reasonable, factual, science-based information to the deliberation process." She went on to say: "This mission is predicated on the fact that the Aggregate Resources Act, the Provincial Policy Statement and the Halton Region and Wellington County Official Plans all require thorough analysis of potential impacts of proposed aggregate developments on the community and environment."

The public endorsement from the Town of Milton, which would be so deeply impacted by the proposed quarry, is of the highest importance to its residents and to the Ontario Municipal Board's understanding of the depth of concern about the proposed Hidden Quarry. CRC has engaged 5 expert witnesses to provide evidence to the OMB. Milton Council will consider a motion at its August meeting recommending funding in the amount of \$10,000 to contribute to CRC's expert witness expenses.

Halton Region will be bringing testimony by 6 expert witnesses to the OMB Hearing to address issues related to blasting, karst hydrogeology, natural environment, and planning. The Town of Milton is in Halton Region's jurisdiction, and the northern rural area of the Town, the former Township of Nassagaweya, is in the Green Belt. Although it is not the host municipality for the proposed quarry, located downstream and separated only by Highway 7 from the proposed site, Milton would be subjected to serious negative impacts.

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Concerned Residents Coalition

Milton Council Motion Text:

Whereas the James Dick Construction Ltd. Hidden Quarry application is scheduled for an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing in September 2016

And Whereas this application has serious implications for Rural Milton including water resources, haul routes, and agricultural impacts for crops and livestock

And Whereas the Region of Halton will represent the interests of Milton at the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing,

Therefore be it resolved that The Town of Milton fully endorses the Region of Halton's opposition to this application.

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