CRC PETITION to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario re Aggregate Mining and Water Protection

Whereas we believe that Ontario must place due priority on our:

- Access to clean drinking water as a fundamental right;
- Protection of natural water recharge systems, surface water courses, and groundwater resources.

And whereas aggregate extraction:

- is the 4th largest water taking industry in the Grand River Watershed, utilizing 5% of all water taken in the Grand River Watershed for aggregate washing and dewatering;
- risks contaminating groundwater through linkages with surface water;
- risks negative impacts on area private and municipal wells and nearby wetlands;
- risks permanently changing the natural environment including fish habitat; and
- aggregate companies pay **NO** PROVINCIAL FEES FOR WATER TAKING.

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

1. Ensure that the issuance of Permits To Take Water prioritizes community water supply needs;
2. Protect the crucial water re-charging moraines, including the Paris Galt Moraine, by prohibiting aggregate mining in these areas;
3. Protect ground water by prohibiting below water table extraction in the vicinity of private wells and rural municipalities;
4. Apply water taking permit fees which represent a fair share of provincial and municipal costs to manage, administer and plan water taking programs;
5. **STOP the HIDDEN QUARRY in Rockwood in the Paris-Galt Moraine as our community has scientific evidence that significant impacts to our surface and groundwater systems and the natural environment will occur if this application is approved.**

PLEASE PROTECT OUR WATER.

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