



NEWS BULLETIN

The die is cast! CRC at OMB for Phase II!



Why?

As of last week JDCL has officially appealed 'non-decisions' at both GET and Wellington County to the OMB.

When?

The OMB has not scheduled hearing dates yet. We do not know how many pre-hearings will be required this second time around. We need to assume the OMB process will be sooner than we want.

Implications for CRC:

What is to be done:

- **Refine and update** our issues list based on the new studies by our experts;
- **Refine and update** witness statements by experts;
- **Re-confirm** resident-participants based on Phase I list;
- **Raise the funds** required to bring our full and stronger case to the OMB.

Very soon we will be sending out a letter detailing our actual expenses on OMB Hearing Phase I, giving our current financial position and defining the funds required for OMB Hearing Phase II.

We will have a significant fund-raising target. We will need to match last year's OMB funds raised and more. Some of our supporters have already stepped forward again. We thank them! Only with the commitment of CRC supporters can we win and stop the Hidden Quarry.

What you can do to make a difference!

- **Write today** to Wellington County and GET to tell them why you oppose the Hidden Quarry proposal, if you haven't already. [Click here for details.](#)
- **Attend** meetings of municipal, county and regional governments when we put out the call;
- **Contact** your local Councillor to let them know where you stand;
- **Pay your 2017 \$35 membership** dues if you haven't already;
- **Participate** in CRC fund-raisers;
- **Answer** calls for volunteers – why not [volunteer](#) today?
- **Talk** to your neighbours about the Hidden Quarry – have them join our mailing list!
- **Make a donation** – watch for details!

Background:

The Planning Act determines how many days a municipality or County have to make decisions:

Municipal re-zoning: 120 days
County Official Plan amendment: 180 days

Both these deadlines have passed since JDCL's re-application in December 2016. Wellington County has not, it appears, finished its scientific review or planning analysis and does not want to rush to a conclusion. GET still has not stated a position. In both cases, they will have to 'take a position' before the OMB Hearing. **Because they have not stated a position [we must let them know we are concerned!](#)**

Public Meeting:

For both Township and County, as we understand it, there is a statutory requirement to call a public meeting on the proposal before making a decision or taking a position. We fully expect that the public will have an opportunity to speak, especially since the County is new to the case and given the new technical analyses CRC has commissioned which show even stronger reasons that the Hidden Quarry proposal should not proceed. CRC has asked both Township and County for a date and we have not received an answer yet. **We will continue to ask.**