



## **Concerned Residents Coalition**

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### **OMB Pre-Hearing Conference on Hidden Quarry Application scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The OMB has scheduled a Pre-Hearing Conference on the Hidden Quarry Application by James Dick Construction Limited for Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 10 am at the offices of Guelph Eramosa Township, 8348 Wellington Road 124, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0.

At the Hearing the full and final list of Parties will be established. The Concerned Residents Coalition plans to be a Party. (Attached: OMB Notice with full details of agenda.)

James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) appealed the Hidden Quarry application for re-zoning the proposed site at Hwy. 7 and 6<sup>th</sup> Line Eramosa (just east of Rockwood) to the OMB for the second time in June 2017 because both Guelph Eramosa Township and Wellington County had “failed to make a decision” on the new application within the time frames determined by the Planning Act.

In October 2016, after one day of testimony, the original OMB Hearing on the Hidden Quarry was adjourned indefinitely because the municipal bylaw under which JDCL had applied had been replaced. The concurrent application to the province for an aggregate licence under the Aggregate Resources Act was put on hold at that time. JDCL re-submitted its application for re-zoning to GET in December. At that time, due to 2015 amendments to the Official Plan, the company was also required to apply to Wellington County for an Official Plan amendment.

CRC has made a serious investment in the scientific analysis of the quarry proposal. The organization now has more than 1300 supporters and hundreds of donors from all municipalities which would be affected by the proposed quarry. CRC was a Party to the OMB hearing on the Hidden Quarry which was adjourned last fall. At the time Halton Hills, Milton, Halton Region and Guelph Eramosa Township all joined CRC in objecting to the application, with CRC, Halton Hills and Halton Region as Parties at the Hearing.

The proposed quarry site is just 1000 metres from the growing Town of Rockwood and a new municipal well; it is 50 metres from Provincial Highway 7; it is just kilometres from the already crowded Acton and Georgetown streets which double as Highway 7; it is on the Paris Galt Moraine and designated ‘Greenlands’ and ‘Core Greenlands’ in the Official Plan featuring a provincially significant wetland, a tributary of Brydson Creek and almost 100 acres of trees, both old growth woodland and plantation; it is surrounded by wetlands and is upstream from the precious cold water Brydson Creek trout habitat and the Blue Springs Creek Area of National Scientific Interest.

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Attachment: OMB Notification of Pre-Hearing Conference #PL170688