



Working to Protect Our Community and Environment

Wetlands, not Wastelands!

CRC off like a rocket towards the LPAT (OMB) Hearing. We raised more than \$90,000 in one evening... ...and a gold tooth too!

What a night! Tuesday night's CRC Community Meeting filled the Eden Mills Community Hall to the rafters!

The impending LPAT Hearing **May 21, 2019** has set us an **urgent timetable** to raise funds for our case in the LPAT court and to build our case in the court of public opinion.

At the meeting we talked about building on our investment to date – the \$500,000 we have already raised as a community and the expert case these funds have permitted us to build.

We talked about two imperatives for CRC: - not only about 1) preparing for the LPAT Hearing, but also 2) about shining a public spotlight on the issues raised by the Hidden Quarry proposal so that we don't just get lost in the LPAT 'bubble', ie. in the regulations of a hermetically sealed process when real lives and livelihoods, natural environment and water protection are at stake.

After we talked, here's **what we did!**

Fund-raising for LPAT

Goal \$300,000: This is what it will take to bring our case to the Hearing.

Deadline: We learned that we must know what funds have been donated and/or pledged by **mid-January, just three months from now**, in order to provide to our LPAT adjudicator the final list of CRC experts who will make our case to turn down the Hidden Quarry application.

Immediate Action Taken:

There was real solidarity, grit and empowerment in the Hall – and it translated into action! We raised \$90,000 on the spot! Almost one third of our goal. What a beginning! Thanks to all!

Donations ranged from \$100 to \$25,000. We even received a donation of a gold tooth from an intrepid CRC supporter...we're waiting for the valuation!



We now have just three months before the January 14, 2019 deadline.

Will You Act Too? Can you build on this strong foundation of donations? If you weren't at the meeting we need your donation too. You can pay on-line or with a cheque or with post-dated cheques. You can pledge to donate...We need pledges now, and all funds in by the beginning of May. Please give as much as you can.

To discuss your donation, please contact Linda Sword 519-853-1896 or lsword@crcrockwood.org.



Bringing our Case to the Politicians

Goal: Letting provincial politicians know that we don't need more aggregate in a province with 6000 licenced pits and quarries which have more than enough supply for 50 – 100 years. Who benefits? Greg Sweetnam and JDCL. Who risks everything with no benefits? Our entire community and environment.

Immediate Action Taken: We're sending a letter to Doug Ford (attached). We're demanding that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry visit us and explain why this quarry should be permitted to put our community at risk.

We printed a huge version of the letter which we'll deliver to the Premier. We all signed it at the meeting.

You Can Add Your Name: Just drop into REMAX in Rockwood at the downtown lights – Michele and Gord Dawe are hosting it until the handover next week. Drop in anytime between 9 and 5.



PLAIN FACTS: The strength of our case will be ENTIRELY determined by the amount of money we raise to hire experts and our lawyer. This is the year. We won't have a second run at the OMB.

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY MEETING – THE FUN PART!

Our letter to Premier Ford is just the beginning of our public campaign to raise the profile of the Hidden Quarry case and to let politicians know that we are not accepting aggregate mining in our community.

In the past few months the CRC team has welcomed a new member, Mike Balkwill of Wellington Water Watchers. His expertise is in public/political campaigning. He has long experience, and most recently was instrumental in bringing the Nestle water taking issue to whole new levels including international media coverage as well as a government moratorium on new permits for water bottling companies, and in the Shin Yi Glass Plant turndown last summer.

Mike is energetic and focussed on action. We are all excited to be trying to keep up with him, and he certainly gained the audience's respect on Tuesday. He will guide and work with the community towards the goal of having a ministerial intervention, stopping the Hidden Quarry – a decision which can be made outside the walls of an OMB/LPAT court room.

ACTION: On Thursday, November 15, Mike welcomes everyone who would like to be involved in a brain-storming session to plan our campaign strategy – which may contain everything from letter-writing campaigns to signs to things that go bump in the night. **YOU** will bring ideas, questions and conviction to the table. Mike will help consolidate a practical and effective plan which we can all help put into action.

We love the BIG letter above. It's just the beginning!!

Campaign Strategy Meeting:

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm

Eden Mills Community Hall

104 York Street, Eden Mills

RSVP or information: Doug Tripp dtripp@crcrockwood.org (226) 820-5085

Mark Your CRC Calendars!

November 15: Campaign Strategy Meeting

November 24: Outdoor Christmas Market (Rain date November 25)

January 14: Community Meeting – Finalize LPAT Plan and Budget based on donations/pledges.

May 6: CRC Golf Tournament at the beautiful Blue Springs Golf Club. Watch for details.

We will succeed, but we need ALL hands on deck!