



**Concerned Residents Coalition
Working to Protect Your Community and Environment**

November 20, 2018

Subject: **URGENT APPEAL!**

Dear **CRC** Supporters All,

We came together almost six years ago and promised each other we would do everything we could to protect our rural community and precious natural environment from James Dick Construction Ltd.'s proposal for a licence for the Hidden Quarry.

The Concerned Residents Coalition is now scheduled to present our case to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), formerly the Ontario Municipal Board, at a Hearing to begin on May 21st, 2019.

WE CAN STOP THE HIDDEN QUARRY

We have made important progress together over the last 5 plus years, we have bolstered our arguments and we are in the home stretch. We are working with excellent legal counsel in Chris Barnett, top-notch planning consultant, Mark Dorfman, and highly regarded technical experts in the fields of hydrogeology, aquatic habitat, natural environment and species at risk, and blasting.

And we are not alone. The Region of Halton on behalf of Halton Hills and Milton, continues to oppose the application and will present its own expert testimony, as will the Town of Halton Hills. Guelph Eramosa Township and Wellington County have both identified issues that they intend to address at the LPAT hearings.

The work we will continue to do together in the next six months will decide whether or not we are able to protect the health and integrity of our community and our ecosystem for generations to come.

There is no question that approval of the application for the Hidden Quarry will impact our water, our wells (maybe even Rockwood Municipal Well #4), our wetlands and creeks, wildlife habitat, endangered species, agricultural land and businesses, our safety in our backyards and on our roads, our air, our foundations, our property values, and our peace.

The Hidden Quarry could also be the first in a mega-quarry future in which mining expansions gradually stretch up the 6th Line and across the landscape from Crewson's Corners to Eden Mills. We are seeing signs already of land purchases portending future quarry applications right here.

These impacts will certainly last more than a generation, and the damage to water resources will be permanent due to destruction of the moraine in which the quarry is proposed to be blasted.

In order to have the best chance of stopping James Dick Construction Ltd., we have to raise almost \$350,000 by January 15, 2019.

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Our hope is that we will be able to present all of the evidence our experts have uncovered. **But we have to finalize our list of witnesses by January 15th, and the number of experts we can retain to present testimony on our behalf at the LPAT hearing will depend completely on how much money our community can raise or pledge by January 15.**

WE ARE ALMOST HALFWAY TO OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL

More than one hundred members of our community gathered in Eden Mills on October 23 and pledged \$97,621, each according to his/her means in donations from \$100 to \$500 to \$1000 and up to \$25,000. We had a bank balance of \$60,000 before that meeting - so we now have \$157,621 - 45% of our goal.

This is an excellent start and we believe you can help us achieve our goal of raising the additional approximately \$192,000 by January 15th. We know how generously everyone responded when we raised funds in preparation for the first, adjourned, OMB Hearing in 2016. Let's do it again!

MAKE YOUR DONATION OR PLEDGE NOW, BEFORE JANUARY 15

You can make a donation in the following ways:

1. **Write a cheque, or post-dated cheques**, payable to **CRC Rockwood Inc.** and give it to a Board member you know, or **mail it to CRC Rockwood Inc., P.O. Box 121, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0.** We prefer cheques because no bank or credit card fees are deducted.
2. **Make an instant donation.** Visit our website, www.crcrockwood.org, click on **Donate Now**, and follow the links to make either a single donation through PayPal or credit card, or 12 monthly donations through PayPal.
3. Contact us to discuss your donation. There are 2 contact names listed below.

Members of the Concerned Residents Coalition will be in regular communication with you in the next ten weeks as we work to achieve the important milestone of raising the funds we need to win our case at the LPAT Hearing in May.

Sincere thanks to all who have already donated so generously!

Together we can win if we have the money to put all our experts in front of the LPAT adjudicator!
Together we can create a legacy for our children!

Thank you for your ongoing support!



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PS For your information, a summary of our revenues and expenses since 2013 is attached.



CRC FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COMMUNITY MEETING – OCTOBER 23 2018

CRC is entirely funded through donations, participation in fund-raising events and the payment of annual membership fees. CRC is also a volunteer-run organization at all levels. As a Not-for-Profit Corporation, CRC is run by its Officers and Board of Directors, and files annual corporate returns prepared by an external accounting firm.

Since its inception in 2013, CRC has relied on the community for the financial resources required to research issues related to the proposed Hidden Quarry and advocate regarding the concerns of residents. The CRC Board continues to be committed to full transparency regarding our finances and to careful and efficient use of the resources donated by our supporters. This summary report accounts for the donations received and the expenses incurred in total to date.

INCOME - \$497,241.37

Our income has been obtained through Events, Donations, and Membership Fees.

In total, our supporters have donated **\$322,715.18** since 2013, or approximately 65% of our total income. Donors include individuals, businesses, and the municipalities of Halton Hills, Milton and Guelph-Eramosa Township.

Events organized by CRC have generated a total of **\$149,535.42**, or approximately 30% of the total, and include two gala evenings—The Nylons Concert and Wingfield's Progress, Golf Tournaments at Turtle Creek G.C., Plant Sales, Garage Sales, Christmas Bazaars, and so on.

Memberships have been paid on an annual basis by many CRC supporters to a total of **\$24,990.72** or approximately 5% of the total.

EXPENSES - \$435,837.02

The main categories of our expenses are Consultant Fees, Legal Expenses, Accounting Fees for our annual corporate filings, Fund-raising Expenses, and Administrative including promotion, supplies, printing, insurance, and banking fees.

CRC's consultants have researched and reported on the numerous issues of concern about the proposed quarry, including hydrogeology and hydrology, blasting impacts, air pollution, planning, fish habitat, and natural environment and species at risk. A number of our consultants prepared for testimony to be delivered on behalf of CRC at the OMB hearings that began in the fall of 2016. Those hearings were adjourned because of a procedural error made by the applicant, James Dick Construction Ltd., which necessitated their submission of new applications for rezoning and an official plan amendment. While not all of our work in preparation for the

2016 hearings was lost, the delay that resulted and the ongoing revision and updating of technical information have undoubtedly had a significant impact on our total costs.

In summary, CRC's costs to date include:

Consultant Fees	\$231,449.63
Legal Expenses	\$156,428.09
Accounting	\$2,992.28
Fund-raising expenses	\$35,996.89
Administration	\$9,000.10

Income has exceeded expenses in this period by \$61,404.35 and is on balance in our RBC bank account.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

CRC will be a party at the May 2019 OMB (LPAT) hearings that will ultimately decide the fate of the proposed quarry. To our advantage, Halton Hills and Halton Region will also be parties opposing the Hidden Quarry in May 2019. CRC intends to present as strong a case as possible utilizing our expert witnesses to the extent that our financial resources permit. We continue to refine a budget for the remainder of this effort culminating with the hearings, and at this time we estimate a total of approximately \$350,000 being required to fully litigate our case with legal counsel provided by Chris Barnett of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, planning testimony by Mark Dorfman Planner Inc., hydrogeology testimony by Dr. Emil Frind and Hunter and Associates, aquatic habitat testimony by Dr. Karl Schieffer, and others yet to be confirmed.

All expert witnesses are required to prepare witness statements and to engage in meetings with experts representing the other parties prior to the hearings. CRC's costs will include their fees for this work and the ongoing legal support from Mr. Barnett.

JANUARY 2019 DEADLINE FOR \$300,000 COMMITMENT

In light of our current balance, we are looking to raise approximately \$300,000 over the course of the next few months. To date we have raised \$157,621 - 45% of our goal. Deadlines set by LPAT (formerly the OMB) for the identification of issues and expert witnesses mean that CRC needs to have assurance by January 2019 that the necessary funds can be secured in order to commit to the desired scope of our case.

For more information, please contact Doug Tripp, dtripp@crcrockwood.org.