

Concerned Residents Coalition

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Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Premier Doug Ford,

The Concerned Residents Coalition asks that you direct the Hon. John Yakabuski, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, to meet with community leaders in Guelph Eramosa Township and Halton Region at the earliest opportunity to discuss the application by James Dick Construction Ltd. for a quarry licence to extract aggregate at the "Hidden Quarry" site 1000 metres from the town of Rockwood in the Paris Galt Moraine.

Currently there are more than 6000 licensed pits and quarries in the Province of Ontario according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. These pits and quarries are licensed to extract in excess of 2 billion tonnes of aggregate per year.

This licensed extraction capacity exceeds the 180 million tonnes that is consumed in Ontario each year by more than a factor of 10.

The Concerned Residents Coalition of Rockwood believes that the proposed Hidden Quarry is therefore unnecessary and if approved would present significant risk to the community and environment.

Extraction of aggregate on the Hidden Quarry site may have the following consequences:

- Drawdown of upgradient wells, and contamination of downgradient wells, including at least one Rockwood municipal well
- Change turbidity and temperature in surface water
- Compromise aquatic habitats such as for brook trout
- Interrupt groundwater flow paths
- Introduce surface to groundwater conduits, potentially contaminating Rockwood's Municipal Well # 4 and private wells
- Interrupt the Paris-Galt moraine's significant natural water recharge function
- Reduce quantity and quality of drinking water for residents and wildlife

In addition, the proposed Hidden Quarry will:

- Expose residents and travelers on Hwy 7 to a risk of significant harm from fly rock as a result of blasting operations
- Damage local and heritage buildings with underground vibrations caused by blasting
- Increase truck traffic to dangerous levels
- Disrupt and endanger the primary agricultural economy
- Threaten endangered species
- Stress provincially significant wetlands
- Disrupt wildlife corridors, woodlands and fish habitat

I look forward to your response on behalf of the people who will be impacted by the proposed Hidden Quarry.

Doug Tripp,
President, Concerned Residents Coalition

Cc: Hon. John Yakabuski, Hon. Rod Phillips, MPP Ted Arnott, MPP Parm Gill, MPP Michael Schreiner, MP Michael Chong