

Take Action: Tell Minister Yakabuski to Impose 500 m flyrock safety zones



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Tell Minister John Yakabuski (Natural Resources and Forestry) to impose 'Flyrock Exclusion Zone' on proposed Hidden Quarry in Rockwood Ontario and on all Ontario aggregate quarries.

The Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) erected signs on Monday along a section of Hwy. 7 near Rockwood Ontario to publicize its concerns about danger to the public from flyrock at the proposed Hidden Quarry site.



Flyrock - rock fragments propelled at 600 km/hour by detonation of explosives – can cause property damage, personal injury and death.

The Concerned Residents Coalition demands that John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry immediately impose a 500 metre Flyrock Exclusion Zone on James Dick Construction Ltd.'s proposed Hidden Quarry.

In fact, CRC demands that the Minister require a 500-metre flyrock exclusion zone for all aggregate quarries in Ontario.

A Flyrock Exclusion Zone would protect local residents, businesses and commuters from personal injury and property damage from flyrock ejected by explosive blasting.

At the proposed Hidden Quarry James Dick Construction Ltd. plans to blast within 75 metres of a section of Hwy. 7 near the proposed Hidden Quarry (HQ). Flyrock killed a passenger in a car traveling on Interstate-75 (in US) and also another car passenger on the M1 (In UK) at greater distances than the HQ property is from Highway 7.

The Ontario government currently does not have regulations to establish "Flyrock Exclusion Zones". 500-metre exclusion zones **are** required for quarry and mine blasting in US, Scotland, Wales, and Australia. In Nova Scotia the requirement is 800 metres*.

[Please click here now to send Minister John Yakabuski an email calling for 500 metre Flyrock Exclusion Zones for quarries in Ontario.](#)

The possibility of flyrock ejected at speeds of 600 km/h poses the following risks:

- Injury to passengers in, and/or damage to, the 9000 vehicles (including school and GO buses,) travelling daily (on average) along a 1 km section of Highway 7
- Injury to people and animals in the 19 homes, farms and businesses located within a 500-metre radius of the proposed blast site

Personal injury and property damage from flyrock in Rockwood and other communities around Ontario is preventable!

Flyrock is not a common occurrence but it can and does happen. Geological factors and/or human error can produce unpredictable violent ejection of flyrock.

- The Hidden Quarry could have 8 - 25 flyrock incidents per year.

- Flyrock as large as one cubic foot (the size of a “microwave oven”) has been propelled as far as 1.2 kilometers from a blasting site!

The Hidden Quarry, just outside Rockwood, Ontario is located on the north side of Hwy. 7 between 6th and 7th Lines Eramosa, just east of Rockwood, between Acton and Guelph.

A list of flyrock incidents in Ontario and other jurisdictions, as well as information on internationally recognized models for setting exclusion zones is available at <http://sg.crcrockwood.org/>

* Nova Scotia: <https://notyourgrandfathersmining.ca/blasting>

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