



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: March 25, 2019
Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

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WHEREAS a license application under the Aggregate Resources Act and a Zoning By-law Amendment application under the Planning Act has been submitted by James Dick Construction Limited for the proposed Hidden Quarry located on the north side of Highway 7, in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa;

AND WHEREAS a primary concern for Town of Halton Hills Council is an increase in truck traffic through Halton Hills as it is anticipated, but not demonstrated, that the Greater Toronto Area will be the principal market for materials extracted from the proposed quarry;

AND WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that extracting aggregates from the landscape is an intrusive activity that has the potential to cause long-term impacts on publicly important environmental resources and farmland; increases in traffic congestion, road damage, and greenhouse gas emissions; and degrade the quality of life of local communities;

AND WHEREAS in 2005 the Provincial Policy Statement was amended to allow aggregate producers to propose extraction sites without having to demonstrate the need for the additional supply of aggregate resources, thereby creating a barrier to comprehensive planning and favouring the protection of aggregate extraction at the expense of other provincial interests, and as a result encouraging the rapid and non-sustainable use of the resource;

AND WHEREAS applications for licences under the current Aggregate Resources Act do not require proponents to demonstrate need to extract aggregate resources in a particular area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Halton Hills Council request that the Ontario Government amend the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act to require aggregate extraction proponents to demonstrate need for the particular supply of resource proposed for extraction;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Provincial Opposition Party leaders, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Halton Region, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton, Michael Chong - Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Ted Arnott - Wellington Halton Hills MPP, FCM, AMO, GET, Guelph-Eramosa and the Premier of Ontario.

Mayor Rick Bonnette