



LPAT Day 16 – June 17, 2019

Day 17 is done. Today was the people's day! And we were proud! The Chair wasn't sure what was in store, so he warned against repetition and feared, we think, a boring day. Not a chance! Our 8 powerful participants took centre stage from 9:30 until 3 pm. There was not a dull moment, and Mr. Tousaw was paying attention...while JDCL's lawyer David White was eagerly waiting to spring his question-traps and a bevy of Google maps! He went home empty-handed. All participant statements will be posted on the CRC website. Below you'll find only a hint of what we heard. Sorry it's a long paragraph – ONE page is my rule!

IMPORTANT HOUSEKEEPING UPDATES:

1. **Hearing times are 9:30 to 4:45** unless otherwise advised.
2. There will be **no Hearing on Friday, June 28.**
3. The **agenda for Monday** is at the end of this report.
4. [Sign in on our roster here.](#) **Note: This is a new link for the week of June 17 and 24.**

Session Content (This is not a detailed report – just a very simplistic record of activity because of the complexity of the issues, technical analyses and regulatory requirements. Any inaccuracies or opinions are Linda Sword's, not CRC's!! These daily journals are all on the CRC website www.hiddenquarry.ca/OMB)

[Mary Cuerrier](#), 6th Line Eramosa resident, started the day with a bang quoting and questioning JDCL studies on traffic impacts chapter and verse and putting thousands of real people on the map and in danger in cars, school buses, and more – with a real-life story of fly rock from Susan Haslem into the bargain. David White wanted her to say the fancy new turning lanes on Highway 7 would improve her life. She would not agree. [Ken Hermann](#) described life 950 metres from Guelph's Dolime Quarry, his three-year efforts to get a response from JDCL and enforcement by MNR when the vibrations increased in intensity to crack his walls. David White attempted to characterize him as a complainer, but Ken didn't come across as a complainer – he was telling it like it is - inadequate provincial guidelines on blasting limits, understaffed MNR for enforcement and no response from JDCL. [Arlene Slocombe of Wellington Water Watchers](#) put the Paris Galt Moraine and its essential and significant water filtration, re-charge and storage services in the spotlight. That was before she placed the story of JDCL's breach of the Dolime Quarry aquitard, connecting surface water to ground water, into evidence, noting that the City, 11 years later, was still in mediation with the landowner to resolve the protection of the unnecessarily tainted groundwater for future generations. David White, for some reason, was more interested in getting WWW to investigate contaminants in Trib B. [Henrietta Kingshott](#) spoke about raising standard bred racing horses on the 7th Line Eramosa, her training track just at the northeast corner of the site. Nothing David White could say could convince her that exposure to dust and explosions would neither happen nor affect her horses. To the delight of the overflow crowd, she managed to cross-examine Mr. White. No nonsense. You could hear our cheers despite our carefully composed demeanours. [Natalie Jaroszewski](#) gave the Chair a crash course on mushroom growing, their vulnerability to bacteria, their need for water, the controlled temperature and humidity requirements and sensitive computer equipment. Mr. White wanted to talk about all the mushroom operations in the world which were happily located beside quarries. Finally, C Barnett put a stop to it, as a weekend's work of JDCL Google maps and articles piled up in front of Natalie – looking a little like a berm! [Stephanie DeGrandis'](#) name and ponds northeast of the site have been in the testimony for weeks. She finally had a chance to introduce the Chair to her farm, her beef cattle operation, her woodlots and her concerns for the environment and her heritage farm. David White could hardly wait to hold her to account for all the contamination in Trib B that JDCL had been trumpeting, but [Dr. DeGrandis'](#) credentials as a micro-biologist supported her enumeration of the gaping holes in the methodology and analysis of the water quality. Mr. White resorted once again to Google maps to point out what he thought were piles of manure...but Stephanie showed that he was seeing cattle where he thought he saw the piles...so he received a quick seminar from her about her management practices. He also learned that any damming and berm breaking between her ponds and Trib B were the work of beavers. One telling message from each of these farm testimonies was that JDCL hadn't bothered to learn anything about them. [Doug Webster](#) of Nassagaweya 5th Line put his award-winning heritage home on the map, just 950 metres south of the quarry site, a family home where he and his wife Karen had chosen to retire, and into which they had invested love and money. Doug was an immovable rock when David White tried to question Doug's credentials and experience as a geologist. Doug made it clear that a quarry in this location would change the community irrevocably and, with JDCL's control of the new land on 6th Line Eramosa, would undoubtedly lead to an expanded quarry operation. [Glen Duff](#) of 4th Line Nassagaweya took the Chair on a tour of the many stone heritage buildings at risk in the vicinity of the quarry and those within a blasting perimeter of 1000 metres which would inevitably be affected as vibration further weakened the old mortar in stone foundations. This was the perfect conclusion to the statements, showing off the rural landscape we love and the heritage buildings which so many of our neighbours protect. David White asked if there was proof there would be problematic impacts. Glen said there are no studies as far as he knows. When David White told Glen that there have been blasts right next to the Parliament Buildings without impact, Glen wondered quietly whether blasting under Parliament might be a good idea. For the first time in 4 weeks, everyone in the room laughed, even Mr. Tousaw, even David White...we were finally, but temporarily, released from our restraints. We had brought sunshine into the room! One more participant, [Tony Russell](#), will be scheduled for another day.

What's on the agenda for Monday?

Mirek Sharpe will complete his testimony on natural environment, followed by Halton Region traffic evidence. Daryl Cowell, karst hydrogeologist may begin in the afternoon. Halton planner Nick Macdonald will follow and then CRC experts will be ready to go!