

## CRC/Hidden Quarry - GET Delegation

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## CRC Delegation to GET Council

We had standing room only at the GET Council Meeting yesterday. This community is strong!

I have attached the two documents which were our presentation.

Doug Tripp gave a brief overview of our reaction to the decision and requested three actions from Council:

- 1. Engage CRC in the development of Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC).**
- 2. Provide a public commenting opportunity with regard to a road agreement between GET and JDCL.**
- 3. Inform CRC of the details and timing of actions to satisfy the conditions included in the LPAT interim decision.**

Dan Kennaley presented draft terms of reference for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC - oddly familiar acronym!), which is required by the decision, and for which GET is designated to set up draft terms. CRC, with Dan's expertise and experience as a municipal planner, determined that we could contribute in a meaningful way to this process and provided terms which referenced existing CLC's, and, in particular, referenced a previous OMB decision which outlined CLC terms of reference - important precedents. If the quarry goes ahead, this is the community's only way to hold JDCL to account.

As usual, Mayor White accepted our presentations, saying that the Council had still not received legal advice on the decision's implications and that Council was pleased to receive draft terms of reference, especially from someone as qualified as Dan Kennaley.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**CRC Community Meeting  
The "Decision" and Beyond**

**Thursday, March 12 – 7 pm  
Eden Mills Community Hall**



CRC continues to raise funds to cover the final legal and expert costs of the Hidden Quarry LPAT Hearing.

Donations on-line: [www.hiddenquarry.ca/donate](http://www.hiddenquarry.ca/donate) or [www.gofundme.com/hiddenquarry](http://www.gofundme.com/hiddenquarry).

Cheques (CRC Rockwood Inc.) can be mailed to PO Box 121, Rockwood, ON N0B 2K0

## GET Delegation – February 24 2020

### 1. Introduction, general comments about Hidden Quarry decision – D. Tripp

#### Introduce self, Dan and CRC.

- Dan retired in 2019 as Director of Engineering and Planning Services for the Township of Woolwich after a long career in municipal planning. He holds a Master's Degree in Planning and WAS designated a Registered Professional Planner.
- CRC has been the voice of the residents of Guelph-Eramosa Township, Milton Nassagaweya, and Halton Hills regarding the Hidden Quarry application since 2013.

#### General Comments

- LPAT hearings on the HQ appeal by James Dick ended July 9. Two weeks ago, on February 11, the tribunal's decision approving the quarry was published.
- CRC's view is that this is a bad decision for a number of reasons including the following:
  - It is an example of the anti-environment policies of the current Provincial government made specifically applicable to the aggregate industry in the so-called aggregate summit last March.
  - We are tabulating many instances of evidence that was ignored or misrepresented in the decision.
  - The risks related to impacts of the operation, where they are acknowledged, are to be addressed through an extensive monitoring program by the operator; in view of the lack of capacity for enforcement by MNRF and the proponent's track record, we believe this decision is committing this community to 20+ years of wrangling over the data generated by the operator.
  - While "need" for the product does not have to be demonstrated by the applicant, the adjudicator nevertheless recited the marketing spin submitted by James Dick without affording the other parties the opportunity to argue the contrary view of a mis-managed aggregate industry that has 7000+ licenced pits and quarries, many sitting undepleted yet idle.
- We are doing everything possible at a political level to prevent this interim decision from being made final.
- As well, there are conditions that need to be met before the final decision is rendered, and Dan will speak to this.

### 2. Conditions – D. Kennaley

- a. Community Liaison Committee Terms of Reference
- b. Other conditions
- c. Action requested:
  - i. Engage CRC in the development of Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Committee (CLC). Draft ToR will be provided by Mr. Kennaley within his presentation.
  - ii. Provide a public commenting opportunity with regard to a road agreement between GET and JDCL.
  - iii. Inform CRC of the details and timing of actions to satisfy the conditions included in the LPAT interim decision.

February 24, 2020

## **Hidden Quarry Community Liaison Committee**

### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 In his February 11, 2010 decision and preliminary order with regards to the Hidden Quarry applications the LPAT member, S. Tousaw, acknowledged the Concerned Residents Coalition's request that if he was going to approve the quarry, that a Community Liaison Committee ("CLC") be established. Mr. Tousaw noted "for a quarry of this scale and duration, the Tribunal considers a CLC the appropriate conduit for sharing information and maintaining open communications". The LPAT member went on to include a requirement in his interim order as follows:

"The Township confirm that a note is added to the site plan setting out a preliminary terms of reference for a Community Liaison Committee, with the Committee's ongoing reasonable costs to be covered by JDCL".

### **2.0 Purpose of the Hidden Quarry Community Liaison Committee**

2.1 To share information and maintain open communications between the community impacted by the Hidden Quarry and the operator of the quarry; and

2.2 To minimize the social and environmental impact of the Hidden Quarry by helping to ensure the all site plan conditions are met.

### **3.0 Organization of the Hidden Quarry Community Liaison Committee**

3.1 The membership of the Community Liaison Committee ("CLC") shall consist of the following

- a) 2 representatives of the Concerned Residents Coalition;
- b) 2 neighbours;
- c) Nassagaweya representative;
- d) Halton Hills representative;
- e) Halton Region representative;
- f) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests representative;
- g) Grand River Conservation Authority representative;
- h) County of Wellington representative;
- i) Township of Guelph-Eramosa Council representative; and
- j) James Dick Company Limited ("JDCL") representative.

3.2 An independent, non-voting chairperson will be recruited for the Committee and compensated for his/her chairing of Committee meetings, such compensation to be paid by JDCL.

3.3 All other members of the Committee will not receive compensation for participating in the Committee although all reasonable expenses, such as mileage, shall be paid for by JDCL.

3.4 Meetings will occur every three months or more often as required at an accessible location of sufficient size to accommodate the proceedings. Meetings will be held in Rockwood or area starting at 7 p.m. for an approximately 2-hour time period. A meeting schedule will be created by the CLC and distributed to members of the Committee.

3.5 Committee members will have an opportunity to contribute to the content of the agenda up until five working days prior to the meeting. The agenda shall be distributed to the Committee two days prior to the meeting. The agenda shall include an opportunity for members of the community to address the Committee in the form of an open forum item on the agenda. Any agenda item not dealt with at a meeting will be dealt with at the next meeting.

3.6 Meetings will be open to the public.

3.7 JDCL will provide a secretary for the Committee. The secretary will be responsible for all administrative tasks including taking minutes and distributing meeting materials, including all monitoring reports required by the site plan notes, ahead of scheduled meetings.

3.8 The schedule of meetings and approved meeting minutes will be posted on the Guelph-Eramosa Township Website and the JDCL Hidden Quarry website.

3.9 Meeting minutes will include action items and next steps and will identify the Committee members responsible for completing action items and next steps. Meeting minutes will be considered draft until approved by the Committee.

3.10 Meeting minutes will be circulated to the Committee for revisions by email within five business days after each meeting. Committee members will have up to five business days to make and return any revisions. A final version of meeting minutes, incorporating revisions from the Committee members will then be circulated to all members for approval. Committee members have up a further two business days to provide additional revisions, after which the minutes will be considered approved.

#### **4.0 Amendment to Hidden Quarry Community Liaison Committee Terms of Reference**

4.1 Any member of the CLC may propose an amendment(s) to these Terms of Reference.

4.2 A draft of the proposed amendment(s) shall be presented to the CLC in writing (email is acceptable) a minimum of 30 days prior to the next meeting of the CLC for consideration by the Committee at that next meeting.

4.3 Approval of the proposed amendment shall require the consent of a majority of Committee members.