



BREAKING NEWS – CALL FOR ACTION!

CRC Bulletin

Ford Supports Milton community against Campbellville Quarry!

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Yesterday in Milton after making an announcement regarding school funding, Premier Doug Ford responded to a question regarding the Campbellville (Reid) quarry proposed by James Dick Construction Limited, as follows:

“I am not in favour of that. I believe in governing for the people. And when the people don’t want something you don’t do it. It’s very simple. I know the Mayor he don’t want it, no one wants it. I don’t want it. We are going to make sure it doesn’t happen one way or another”.

MPP Parm Gill seconded the Premier’s statement with **“If the community doesn’t want a project to move forward bottom line, we are going to make sure the project doesn’t move forward. It’s that simple”.**

In response, CRC has written to GET Council with the following message:

“Our community has been clear about its opposition to the proposed Hidden Quarry, to the tune of \$800,000 of donations and seven years of countless volunteer hours to support the fight against it. It is time that you step up to make it clear that GET Council does not want this quarry to proceed, and to do so now in no uncertain terms. It’s very simple! The residents of this community deserve nothing less than your unequivocal opposition to the quarry. CRC’s supporters are being informed about this request and they will be waiting to see what you do with it.”

We are also writing to the Premier (letter attached) demanding the same treatment as he committed to the folks in Milton.

Just to remind you:

- GET did not actively oppose the application at LPAT, relying only on a resolution at Council opposing the development because “there is nothing for GET in this.”
- Wellington County did not even submit a planning report on the proposal, a dereliction of duty noted by the arbitrator.
- In spite of our reaching out to MPP Parm Gill a number of times, we only got his vague assurances that he opposed the quarry and that everything would work out;
- Similarly, numerous meetings with MPP Ted Arnott yielded nothing of substance.

- What we got from LPAT was this arrogant blow off of community concerns: ***“There is no question that a quarry will result in some disruption to the area during its operation. Twenty years is not a short duration. A generation will grow up during this time when, compared to today, there will be regular blasting and more noise and trucks. And yet in the longer-term horizon, 20 years is short . . .”***

So what now? The licence for the Hidden Quarry has not been issued pending compliance with a number of conditions. GET is either doing nothing or simply withholding information from us regarding one crucial condition which is the implementation of a Community Liaison Committee.

Until there is a licence, this is not over. The citizens of GET and Milton who fought this destructive quarry for seven years, who donated \$800,000 to pay for lawyers and experts, and who frankly did as good a job analyzing and arguing against the quarry as any community in Ontario ever has, only to be shafted by a bad decision, have the right to demand action by our local representatives in light of Ford’s and Gill’s comments yesterday.

ACT NOW!

Call and e-mail Ford, Gill, Arnott and GET Mayor and Councillors demanding that Ford also govern in the interests of the people of Guelph Eramosa (Rockwood) and Halton Region who oppose the Hidden Quarry.

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