

VIA EMAIL

April 30, 2015

Environment Commissioner of Ontario, Gord Miller
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP
Ted Arnott, MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Brock Carlton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Pat Vanini
Township of Guelph/Eramosa, Meaghan Reid
City of Burlington, Angela Morgan
Town of Halton Hills, Suzanne Jones
Town of Milton, Troy McHarg
Town of Oakville, Vicki Tytaneck

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, April 29, 2015, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Hidden Quarry – North Side of Highway 7, Township of Guelph/Eramosa

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 the Town of 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 longterm impacts on publicly important environmental resources and farmland; increase 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 aggregate extraction at the expense of other provincial interests, and as a result, encourage the rapid and non-sustainable use of the resource;

AND WHEREAS the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement subsequently maintained the same wording for demonstration of need not being required;

AND WHEREAS, in conjunction with Report LPS03-13, the Region of Halton and its Local Municipalities provided comments through a joint HAPP submission on November 23, 2012 to the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement update process, requesting the Province to delete the “no demonstration of need” policy;

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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 Region of Halton request that the Ontario Government amend the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act to require aggregate extraction proponents to demonstrate the need for the particular supply of resource proposed for extraction;

AND THAT the Regional Chair write to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the leader of the Opposition and the leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario advising them of Regional Council's position and enclosing a copy of Regional Council's resolution;

AND THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Regional Council's resolution to the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Chong - Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Ted Arnott - Wellington Halton Hills MPP, FCM, AMO, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Oakville, the City of Burlington, the Town of Milton and the Township of Guelph Eramosa for their information.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services.

Sincerely,



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c. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services