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You Will Make the Difference…
Write a letter!! A Key Part of the Process!

It's time, once again, for individual residents to write letters stating objections to the Hidden Quarry proposal. (Some of us will remember the hectic rush in 2013 to get our letters in to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on time.) Second time round should be a little easier since we understand the process better and because our concerns have crystallized. Of course, CRC will be making in-depth, formal comments as well.

Although Guelph Eramosa Township is very familiar with our concerns, **Wellington County is only now getting to know us for the first time, so your letters are essential** to show them the depth of concern so many of us feel and to require that they keep you informed.

What's new? JDCL has applied again to re-zone the Hidden Quarry site under the new GET Zoning Bylaw. This time, however, the company has also made an application to amend the Wellington County Official Plan which is now required to permit rezoning of the site for aggregate extraction.

Sitting down to write a letter… to whom? Therefore, you need to send **two letters** (which can be basically the same in content) addressed individually to Guelph Eramosa Township and Wellington County with the appropriate references shown below.

Deadline: The County and Township are required to set up a public meeting on the application in order to hear comments from residents. This joint meeting has not yet been scheduled, but it should be in the next two months. Twenty days' notice must be provided once the date is set. (We will be sending information about the meeting as soon as we get it.) We recommend that you send in your letters as soon as you can, but definitely before the public meeting. We also encourage you to present your concerns in person at the public meeting. We'll need a full house!

Addresses and Reference Information:

Wellington County:

To: Gary Cousins, Director garyc@wellington.ca
Planning and Development Department,
Administration Centre, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph ON N1H 3T9

Reference: File # Op-2016-09
Official Plan Amendment Application by James Dick Construction Limited
Hidden Quarry/Guelph Eramosa Township
*Include date of writing.

Guelph Eramosa Township:

To: Amanda Knight, Acting Clerk aknight@get.on.ca
By hand/by mail: GET Offices, 8348 Wellington Road 124, P.O. Box 700, Rockwood ON N0B 2K0

Reference: File # ZBA – 06/16
Zoning Bylaw Amendment by
Hidden Quarry/8537 Hwy. 7, Guelph Eramosa Township
*Include date of writing.

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Copies of letters to other public officials: Attached you will find a list of officials and elected officials to whom you can send copies of your letter, as you wish or as appropriate. It is important that

the Hidden Quarry application, issues and citizen concerns are always on the agendas of our elected representatives. You'll see the JDCL information on the list as well – It's always good to let them know we are not flagging. CRC also appreciates copies of your letters.

If you are e-mailing your comments, it is easy to send cc's. In some cases you may wish to send a hard copy to the formal addressee, along with an e-mail version. Please save your letter or e-mail for easy reference. You should also request confirmation that your letter has been received from Wellington County and Guelph Eramosa Township.

Letter introduction: (suggested wording)

Paragraph 1: eg. I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed Hidden Quarry and James Dick Construction Limited's application to amend Wellington County's Official Plan and Guelph Eramosa Township's zoning bylaw.

Paragraph 2: Please include me on the list for notifications on the above file. My contact information is as follows: (your name, address, phone number, e-mail address)

Issues Content:

- Outline your concerns in summary form – short and concise is better than long unless you have particular insight or expertise.
- If you wrote a letter in 2013 at the time of the first application you may simply wish to update or edit it.
- If your concerns relate to the environment, you may wish to refer to the fact that the new Wellington Official Plan has designated the proposed site as Greenlands and Core Greenlands, with significant woodland. These designations are new since the first application.
- You might also wish to note that JDCL's representative Greg Sweetnam indicated to Wellington Council's Planning Committee (last week!) that Hidden Quarry aggregate would be available for County uses. This represents a major change from the haul routes proposed in the company's original application and would make real the possibility of haul routes to the north through Rockwood, a possibility consistently denied by JDCL in the past.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions –
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*In these cases, you must request that the Clerk circulate your letter to Councillors.