



Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture

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bcc: Graham Flint, Chair of FORCE at [grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca](mailto:grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca)

**Re: Hamilton Wentworth Federation of Agriculture's Concerns Regarding the Proposed Quarry in North Flamborough**

The Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture (HWFA) is the largest voice of the City of Hamilton farmers. Supported by 629 farm families and organizations, the HWFA represents farm family concerns to government and the general public.

The HWFA is aware of a pending application to the City from Lowndes Holdings for land use approvals for a "Category 2, Class A Quarry below the established Water Table." We have concerns regarding this proposed use in an area with active and viable commercial agriculture as well as land areas used as Conservation land. Both of these are within the Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt and have priority protection under the new Act.

Specifically some of our concerns as they relate to agriculture and conservation are:

- That all full environmental impact and assessment studies are completed and the appropriate authorities be given ample time to study these.
- The loss of ~ 250 acres of viable farm land
- Water supply problems that could arise.
- Water Quality
- Airborne Particulate and Dust
- Livestock Stress (Blasting & Noise)
- Transportation / Traffic

Currently some of the land is zoned Agricultural and Conservation Management. With the uphill battle that we face protecting some of the finest agricultural land in the country and the significance of the wetlands in the area, we have great reservations to see this change. Some of the farms that prosper in that proposed area support such diverse operations as forage & grain

crops, greenhouses, beef, lamb, poultry, market gardening, equine breeding & training, and apple orchards.

The HWFA would like to be a party to the application in order to receive notice upon receipt of the application. Also we would like copies of the application and companion technical studies, and an opportunity to participate in the formal and informal public consultation regarding the application on behalf of our local membership. Another appropriate group that should be involved is the Hamilton Agricultural Advisory group.

For any further information on these concerns, I can be reached via the contact information listed above or at my home number of (905) 659-7126.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Krakar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip Krakar  
President  
Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture