

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005



Stan Holiday  
Senior Planner – Legislative Approvals  
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Dear Stan,

Re: Lowndes Holdings Corp. application OPA-04-17 and ZAC-04-89

As per our conversation last week, we wish to formally register our concern over the lack of communication between the Proponent for the proposed Carlisle Quarry and the Community. We would like to ensure that these concerns are part of the official record for this application.

As the Chair of FORCE, the community group formed to respond to this application, I have made requests on multiple occasions for both a site visit and for improved communications regarding on-site activities.

The site visit would be appropriate for the FORCE Steering Committee and our expert team in order to better understand the details of the proposed development. I believe you have spoken to the proponent on our behalf in regards to this matter.

Open communications regarding on-site activities would be of benefit first to the Community in order to keep residents and businesses informed and calm with respect to activities and testing that are a normal part of the application process. And secondly, it would benefit the City in order to minimize complaints and on-site “emergency” visits.

Regrettably, we must report that communications from Lowndes Holdings, while never proactive, appears to have shut down completely.

I draw your attention to the following specific, but non-exhaustive, examples:

2004

- September 23, 2004 - Made a formal request for a site visit for FORCE during my first visit to the “Carriage House” on the Lowndes Holdings’ Opening Day
- September 27, 2004 – Followed up the in-person request with an e-mail request
- September 28, 2004 – Proponent indicated that a site visit was “premature” at the time as the site still needed to be prepared.

2005

- May 27, 2005 – Made another e-mail request for a site visit, following up on the condition expressed in the prior year that the site must be “prepared”. Note: Tour activity had commenced for municipal, provincial, and agency representatives. No reply was received.
- June 9, 2005 – Made a follow-up e-mail request. No reply was received.
- June 15, 2005 – Spoke with Hal Miettinen (Lowndes Holdings’ Communication Consultant) regarding a site visit while attending the Hamilton City Council meeting in the Millgrove Community Centre. He indicated that he would contact me with an answer. No response has been forthcoming since.

- July 7, 2005 – Visited the “Carriage House” on the 2005 Opening Day and spoke at length with Mr. Miettinen regarding the three items listed below. Again, to date, no response has been received:
  - Request for site visit
  - Meeting with Proponent and his agents to discuss project timelines
  - Request for information regarding witnessed on-site activity with heavy machinery.

Clearly, the Proponent and FORCE do not share the same view of the proposed development. FORCE will continue to professionally and substantively represent the community objections to the proposed aggregate initiative. We believe though that all parties should act and communicate with respect and courtesy. As such, given the nature of communications over the past year, I appreciate the opportunity to officially register this concern.

Should you require any further information or have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 905-659-5417.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Flint". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

Graham Flint B.A.Sc., P. Eng  
Chair & Spokesperson

cc:

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