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Letter to the Editor: re Proposed Lowndes Holding Corp. Quarry

The people of our Community will decide.

The advertorial placed by Lowndes Holdings Corp. in the July 15th edition claims to be “An Update of Fact”. It includes a diagram from their paid consultant showing their opinion on where the groundwater flows will come from to supply the Carlisle municipal wells if the proposed quarry were to be approved. The text of the ad also makes the claim that “the quarry, even without mitigation, will not affect the Carlisle municipal wells”.

In FORCE’s original community bulletin run the week prior, it included a map showing where Carlisle’s water currently comes from and how it feeds into the four Carlisle municipal wells that service the water tower. This map comes from a study by the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario. It showed that the capture zones for those wells start within the boundaries of the proposed Quarry.

The two maps are different. The map from Lowndes Holdings Corp shows that the groundwater path will be forced to change. This is a result of the drawdown in the water table caused by pumping millions of gallons per day out of the proposed quarry. The other figures contained within the Lowndes Holding Corp. report make this very clear. The report even includes the original City of Hamilton and Ministry of the Environment map that FORCE originally published; it is figure #6 in the report.

So what do you think the Citizens of this Community will make of all this? The outside developer who wants to establish a large scale industrial open pit mine in the middle of our communities shows us that the groundwater flow that supply the water to our homes, businesses, and families is going to change, with unknown impact to water quantity and quality, but they make the assertion that to them this is considered to “not affect” our water.

My vote is on the Citizens of this Community figuring out what’s really going on here. The proposed Quarry will affect our Community’s water, not just the Carlisle municipal wells being debated in these ads, but many of the wells in the surrounding area. That is a fact.

Sincerely,



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