

January 17th, 2005

Administration and Planning Standing Committee
Town of Milton
43 Brown Street
MILTON, ON
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Via Email

Dear Committee Members and Staff,

**Re: Report No. PD-0705 AD - Initial Circulation by the City of Hamilton - Lowndes Quarry Proposal
- Part of Lots 1-3, Concession 11, formerly Flamborough - City of Hamilton**

I am writing to you on behalf of Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment - FORCE - and its supporters. FORCE is a federally registered not for profit corporation. It is a citizen-based advocacy group with hundreds of supporters in Campbellville, Kilbride, rural Milton, Mountsberg, Freelon, and Carlisle. FORCE was formed in June 2004 to protect our natural and built environments in the face of a proposed large-scale, below the established groundwater table, aggregate development in the Northeast Flamborough portion of the amalgamated City of Hamilton. We note upfront that our organization is not anti-aggregate nor anti-road; indeed, our area is home to some of Ontario and Canada's largest aggregate operations. We do, however, have significant issues with the current application in its proposed location for substantive reasons.

FORCE is pleased with the information report to the Administration and Planning Standing Committee, prepared by staff, and its focused identification of key issues. These include groundwater implications in the hydrogeologically sensitive Amabel aquifer which has a significant recharge area in the affected zone, natural heritage features, and the haul route implications.

We look forward to the participation by the Town of Milton, the Region of Halton, other comprising municipalities and Conservation Halton in the review of the quarry proposal, in review of peer assessments of the proponent's technical reports, and in the public consultation process. We encourage public consultation within Halton Region on the implications for Halton and its residents, and specifically in Milton given the proximity of rural Milton and Campbellville to the proposed aggregate operation both in terms of groundwater and haul routes.

Thank you for your attentiveness to this matter, to date. FORCE and its supporters will be seeking your support and advocacy to protect our drinking water, our environment, our roads, and our communities generally.

Should you need to contact FORCE, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca or at 905-659-5417. Our community website is www.StopTheQuarry.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Flint
Chair & Spokesperson
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