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Lowndes quarry proposal tests strength of Greenbelt legislation

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A quarry application for northeast Flamborough could well be the testing ground for determining the strength of Ontario's greenbelt protection legislation.

Lowndes Holdings Corporation's application for a 68-hectare quarry on the northeast corner of 11th Concession Road East near Milborough Line is the first of its kind involving greenbelt lands since the government enacted protective greenspace legislation last year.

"We're now in the implementation and interpretation phase," Environmental Defence executive director Rick Smith said Thursday night after speaking to a crowd of about 120 Mountsberg/Campbellville area residents at Lawson Park.

Smith, who heads the national environmental charity, was guest speaker at the second annual meeting of FORCE (Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment), a grassroots citizen's group opposed to the quarry. He talked about the group's recent partnership with FORCE and their common objective to protect natural heritage features and groundwater. He also charged that the Lowndes' quarry application not only flies in the face of the Greenbelt Protection Plan but is also contrary to the province's proposed Clean Water Act.

For a complete report on the details of the FORCE meeting, see the May 26 edition of the Flamborough Review.



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