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St. Marys going ahead with Carlisle testing

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A quarry company is not altering its plans to test a water-pumping system in the Carlisle area on Monday after a community group opposed to the testing asked it to stand down.

The group yesterday filed a notice seeking leave to appeal the provincial permit giving it permission to hold the tests.

"As far as I know, at this point, we're going to start the tests on Monday," Jennifer Tuck, a spokesperson for St. Marys CBM said last night after Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) filed the appeal. FORCE hopes no tests will be done until the matter is heard before the Environmental Review Tribunal.

"We've done our part to ensure the tests run smoothly," Tuck said.

Residents fear the tests, to determine if St. Marys can build a quarry, will affect the water supply.

FORCE chair Graham Flint said, "The community is entitled to pursue its legal democratic rights and we expect St. Marys to honour them."

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