

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAY 25, 2015 –FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEETING– 7:45 P.M.

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

Members Present:

Mayor: Andy Lennox
Councillors Sherry Burke
Mark Goetz
Steve McCabe
Dan Yake

Staff Present:

CAO/Deputy Clerk: Michael Givens
Clerk: Karren Wallace
Director of Public Works: Matthew Aston
Treasurer: Paul Dowber
Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities: Barry Lavers
Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
Manager of Planning and Environment: Mark Van Patter
Senior Planner: Linda Redmond

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

SINGING OF O' CANADA

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2015-217

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Agenda for the May 25, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed with the addition of:

DELEGATIONS

Dr. Wendy Agnew, Friends of Luther Marsh Inc.

- Wilson Quarry

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLUTION 2015-218

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 11, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

DELEGATIONS

Brett McHugh, Cliff Booi, Pat Brown

– Ghent Pit Application

Mr. McHugh appeared before Committee to introduce the Concerned Citizens of Wellington North group and give a brief summary on the *Negligence Act* as it pertains to the Ghent Pit application.

Mr. Booi requested that despite the Provincial Policy Statement provides an applicant does not need to demonstrate a need aggregate, Council give consideration to the need for the aggregate as well as concerns surrounding traffic, financial costs, cumulative impacts of multiple gravel pits and the effect on farmland. Increasing the length of time the pits are in operation delays the rehabilitation of the farm land. (see attached addendum to minutes)

Mr. Brown stated that three of the four main political parties, farm organizations and the neighbours are opposed to this application and do not agree with extraction on prime agricultural land.

Randy Bye and Brian Milne, H. Bye Construction

– Ghent Pit Application

Mr. Milne introduced Peter Fallis, solicitor for the applicant. Mr. Milne requested a five minute extension for their delegation.

RESOLUTION 2015-219

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be it resolved that the delegation of Randy Bye and Brian Milne, H. Bye Construction be extended to an addition five minutes pursuant to Section 7.8 of the Procedure By-law 63-14.

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Mr. Fallis explained that the applicant has gone through the normal channels of circulation and the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. He reminded Council that as an elected authority they must follow the laws. Mitigation involving various agencies will ensure the impact is minimized and concerns are addressed. The lands will be restored back to agricultural in progressive phases.

Dr. Wendy Agnew, Friends of Luther Marsh Inc.

- Wilson Quarry

Kathryn Giffen acknowledged that the matter is subject to an OMB hearing that is awaiting the Minutes of Settlement. Ms. Giffen stated that their organization is a party to the minutes but they have not received them.

Dr. Richard Gorrie explained that the Friends of Luther Marsh Inc. is a non-profit group in opposition to the Wilson Quarry and has been in existence since 1991. Dr. Gorrie outlined risk to the marsh, concerns regarding who will operate the quarry, little unmet demand for gravel, traffic and noise and environmental issues and concerns. (see attached addendum to minutes)

Dr. Wendy Agnew requested a five minute extension for their delegation.

RESOLUTION 2015-220

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be it resolved that the delegation the Friends of Luther Marsh regarding the Wilson pit be extended to an addition five minutes pursuant to Section 7.8 of the procedure By-law 63-14

CARRIED

Dr. Agnew outlined the groups concerns with environmental impacts on the Luther Marsh, chemical outputs of limestone quarrying and processing, impacts on the water table, noise, pollution and increased trucking. (see attached addendum to minutes)

STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Wellington North Fire Service

- Communiqué, #018, May 8, 2015
- Thank you from Dalton and Gerri Burt, 480 Waterloo Street, Mount Forest

RESOLUTION 2015-221

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service Communiqué #018 dated May 8, 2015.

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Report from Michael Givens, CAO

- CAO 2015- 15 Wilson Quarry Planning Report

Mayor Lennox provided comments reminding Council that this matter is still before the OMB for a final decision. (see attached addendum to minutes)

Mark Van Patter informed Council that GRCA passed a motion to accept the Minutes of Settlement at their April 24, 2015 Board meeting. The County of Wellington will be considering the matter at their June 11, 2015 Planning Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION 2015-222

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information report CAO 2015-15 Wilson Quarry Planning Report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-223

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North supports the draft Minutes of Settlement, Attachment 1 to the April 2015 Township Planner's Report, with respect to the Ontario Municipal Board hearing for the proposed Wilson Quarry (PL070333) and its attached schedules, and the approval by the Ontario Municipal Board of the proposed Further Approval of Non-decision - Deferral Number 1(H) the County Of Wellington Official Plan, zone change application, Site Plans and license conditions which would permit the establishment of a quarry at lands described as Lot 10, Concession 10 Monk, Geographic Township of West Luther in the Township of Wellington North;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute final Minutes of Settlement in accordance with the draft Minutes subject to final wording, such Minutes of Settlement being satisfactory to the Township Chief Administrative Officer and Township Solicitor;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North authorizes legal counsel and appropriate County Staff to attend as necessary at the Ontario Municipal Board proceedings with respect to this matter in support of its position as set out in this resolution.

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Report from Barry Lavers, Director of Recreation, Parks and Facilities
- RAC 2015-004 Facility Ice Time Installation and Extension Policy

RESOLUTION 2015-224

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report RAC 2015-004 being a report on establishing a policy for the opening and closing date required for ice rentals each winter season at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex and Arthur & Area Community Centre Arena be received.

AND FURTHER THAT the report and recommendation be deferred pending the development of a communication plan to include Wellington North ice user groups to be approved by the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting June 4, 2015.

CARRIED

Report from Matthew Aston, Director of Public Works
- PW 2015-033 being a report on the 2015 Procurement of a Plow Truck

RESOLUTION 2015-225

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report PW 2015-033 being a report on the 2015 procurement of a plow truck;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Wellington North award the supply of the 2015 plow truck to Viking Cives Ltd. at a net cost of \$251,300.13;

AND FURTHER THAT \$11,300.13 difference between the net purchase price and the 2015 approved capital budget of \$240,000 be funded from the sale of the existing plow truck.

CARRIED

Report from Karren Wallace, Clerk
- CLK 2015-023 being a report on a request to waive the parkland dedication fee for Consent B17/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, concession 4) and B16/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4)

RESOLUTION 2015-226

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report CLK 2015-023 being a report on a request to waive the parkland dedication fee for Consent B17/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4) and B16/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4);

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North does not support waiving the Parkland Dedication fee for application for Consent B17/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4) and B16/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4);

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AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to notify the Applicant Consent B17/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4) and B16/15 (Part Lots 14 & 15, Concession 4), that the condition has not been waived.

CARRIED

Report from Paul Dowber, Treasurer

- TR2015-09 – Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

RESOLUTION 2015-227

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report TR2015-09 being a report regarding the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150);

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North direct the Treasurer to complete the CIP 150 funding application.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to get cost estimates and provide a report to the Recreation and Culture Committee at the June 4, 2015 meeting for Arthur arena lobby work, sound baffles in the lower hall of the Arthur Community Centre, heaters in the Arthur Arena and Mount Forest ball diamond bleachers and fencing.

Administration and Finance Committee

- Meeting Notes, May 19, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-228

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the meeting notes for the May 19, 2015 Administration and Finance Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Cheque Distribution Report dated May 20, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-229

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated May 20, 2015.

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL’S REVIEW AND DIRECTION

Mount Forest Lions Club

- Request for Mount Forest Lions beer garden, being held as part of the Fireworks Festival on July 18, 2015, to be declared Municipally Significant

RESOLUTION 2015-230

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North declare the Mount Forest Lions Club beer garden, being held as part of the Fireworks Festival on July 18, 2015, to be municipally significant as required by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit.

CARRIED

Municipality of North Perth

- Request for support of resolution concerning the AGCO Lottery Licencing Policy

RESOLUTION 2015-231

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support the resolution of the Municipality of North Perth concerning the AGCO Lottery Licencing Policy.

CARRIED

Municipality of Trent Lakes

Request for support of resolution regarding demonstrated need for aggregates

RESOLUTION 2015-232

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support the resolution of Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding demonstrated need for aggregates.

CARRIED

Saugeen Conservation

- Regulation Mapping

Council requested this item be placed on the June 8, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda pending further information from Councillor McCabe, the SVCA representative for Wellington North.

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BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION 2015-233

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 030-2015 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North to provide for drainage works in the Township of Wellington North for the Mainland Drainage Project, Branch B, provisionally adopted April 13, 2015, be read a Third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

AMO Watchfile

- May 7, 2015
- May 14, 2015

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

- Compliance with Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
Vulnerable Occupancy Registry

North Wellington Health Care

- CEO/Administration Report, April 2, 2015

Waterloo Wellington Community Care Access Centre

- Waterloo Wellington Caregiver Recognition Awards – celebrating Heroes in the Home

Ministry of Energy

- Conservation and Demand Management Plan

Township of Mapleton

- Notice of a Public Meeting for an Amendment to the Mapleton Zoning By-law

RESOLUTION 2015-234

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Items for Council's Information as listed in the May 25, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Burke announced that St. John's School in Arthur will participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program on May 29, 2015 at the Arthur Foodland. TD Canada Trust is providing the funding for this event. All food purchases will be donated to the Arthur Food Bank.

Councillor Yake reminded Council that items are still needed for the silent auction to be held at the Fire Chief's Gala fundraiser for the Hospital.

Councillor McCabe announced that the high school students will be planting trees along the proposed new walking trail on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

CAO Michael Givens requested that a date for the next Administration and Finance Committee meeting be set. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Lennox commented on his involvement with the County of Wellington Planning Committee. Wellington North is projected to be the second fastest growing municipality in the next 20 to 25 years.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION 2015-235

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 044-15 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on May 25, 2015 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

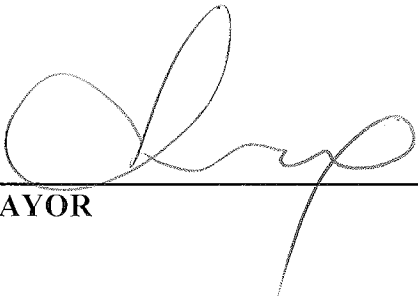
RESOLUTION 2015-236

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Regular Council meeting of May 25, 2015 be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED



MAYOR

CLERK

Concerned Citizens of Wellington-North

2015-05-25

Cliff Booi

226 808 2664

H. Bye Construction will point out that the provincial policy statement clearly states that they do not need to demonstrate a need for their product. They are absolutely correct, and we are not asking them to.

However, do not mistake an inability to ask the applicant to demonstrate demand for their product, with an inability to use existing extraction rates to assess our outstanding concerns.

The Township can review concerns surrounding traffic, financial costs, cumulative impacts of multiple gravel pits, and the effect on farmland. All of these concerns are inherently founded on the expected extraction rate of the proposed pit, and the existing extraction rates of active pits.

The effect on farmland is not just a function of the amount of land to be rezoned, but is also tied to the expected life of the pit. Stripping the topsoil from the best quality farmland in Ontario does not just hurt the farmland on the proposed property, but on neighbouring pits as well. Hauling aggregate out of newly stripped farmland inherently increases the life of all neighbouring pits - further delaying their own rehabilitation.

Council can, and should, consider the existing extraction rates of all of the pits within the Township, and particularly the three existing pits within a mile of Sideroad 3, when evaluating our outstanding concerns.

There are gravel pit applications that have been denied due to the proximity of local schools, due to the cumulative impact of multiple gravel pits, and also over concerns regarding the loss of prime-agricultural farmland. All of these decisions were upheld by the OMB. We consider the concerns raised in these applications to reflect our own in this application.

Finally, I'm pleased to hear the traffic study is nearing completion. And we look forward to having an opportunity to review it to see how it alleviates our outstanding concerns.

Wilson Quarry Comments:

I will start with just a little reminder on this subject tonight. I think that we all recognize that this is an important issue of concern for a number of our residents and; that this matter is still before the OMB for a final decision.

Tonight assuming we pass the motion we have before us, we are acknowledging and endorsing the due diligence that went into arriving at the agreement that has been reached between the parties; the GRCA, the County of Wellington and the applicant, on matters of environmental concern and minimizing effects on nearby property owners. There has been extensive technical work conducted and peer reviewed toward those issues. This will allow the matter to go back before the OMB and allow the OMB to move toward rendering a final decision. The parties to the OMB appeal do still have the opportunity to raise their concerns with the Board. The OMB will make the determination on the quarry licence, the official plan amendment and the zoning by-law amendment. The decision making power on these matters is in the hands of the OMB.

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Regular Meeting of Council

Mayor's Comments

Report from Michael Givens, CAO

- CAO 2015-15 Wilson Quarry Planning Report

Oral Submission to North Wellington Council
May 25, 2015

Introduction:

Hello, my name is Richard Gorrie, president of *Friends of Luther Marsh Incorporated*, a not-for-profit, incorporated organization that, since 1991, has voiced opposition to the proposed Alfred Wilson Quarry, on the southeast corner of the intersection of County Road 16 and County Road 15 at Monck. We represent a large group of concerned citizens. During this lengthy time, we have presented two petitions, each containing approximately 200 signatures.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of our group and would like to go on record with the following concerns

☐ Too Risky

Luther Marsh is a priceless resource, home to numerous species of wildlife and headwater to the Grand River, a source of drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Ontarians. It is our long held opinion that this is a risky operation in an area that cannot tolerate such a high degree of risk. The fact that this proposal has taken so long, has been appealed to the OMB, has been in front of the OMB for a record length of time, has been adjusted to meet concerns of the County and GRCA, and surrounded by many conditions, speaks to the risk. Based on research and expertise we are not convinced that the scope of the risks has not been fully taken into account.

Who will be the operator?

One of our major concerns is about who is going to operate? With the high

risk, even if monitored with conditions of license, wouldn't it be prudent to have a responsible operator with a strong track record in place?

With no known operator for the pit, how can the expertise and compliance record of the operator be assessed. This point was raised by the OMB in 2014 in the case of the Hunsberger pit. This was a pit proposal that was turned down by the OMB, largely for this reason.

There are conditions of settlement, but are they complete? The hydro-geologist we have hired to review the reports, has noted there is no component directed to establishing and monitoring the influences and impacts of residual rock stress. Experts we have met with have agreed on several occasions that that this testing should be in place, but have the minutes of settlement been revised to include this testing. Given the fractious nature of the rock and proximity to the fenlands surrounding the marsh, it is surprising this has not already been taken into account.

Moreover if the testing standards are violated, if water quality is compromised, if something does go wrong and the operators are instructed to stop quarrying, what sort of mitigation guarantees are in place? Will the damage be done and the operators be able to walk away unscathed leaving this priceless environmental resource in jeopardy?

Little unmet demand for gravel, so why take the risk

Now that you are in receipt of Mr. Booi's report, we are concerned that there appears to be no economic incentive to proceed with this initiative.

Booi notes that demand for gravel is 6% of capacity for Wellington North and 23% for the County. The low demand for gravel in Wellington North will

likely mean that the quarry remains active for many years beyond its proposed 18-year lifespan; in addition, should a similar payment mechanism to that proposed by H. Bye for the Ghent Pit be agreed to between the Alfred Wilson Quarry and Wellington North, the income to the township will be negligible.

Traffic and noise

Has the traffic study really shown that it can accommodate this kind of volume and weight? Even at this point, the roadbed is in need of repair in many areas. The original traffic study was recently redone, although it was done while access to Hwy 89 was closed.

We have serious concerns with safety. The report does not once mention the words “school bus” or “school” although there is now a school alongside the haul route. Nor any suggestions about mitigating the danger of hundreds of trucks a day through the Hamlet of Damascus.

Nor does not mention the word “queuing”. What about the trucks that arrive in the early morning and await their pick up of gravel, will there be space available for truck queuing so they won’t line up on the road? It doesn’t appear so. Is Wilson going to redraw the footprint to allow for the queuing inside the site or will trucks be lined up on the roads blocking traffic where there are not wide shoulders. The proposed widening of the road at the entrance is only designed to satisfy the needs of a truck slowing down and turning off, not for a parked train of trucks. If there is just one truck on the road beyond the proposed short turning lane, and there are trucks coming out of the pit blocking the other oncoming lane, it would be impossible to pass, creating grid lock for any other traffic.

Environmental issues and concerns

I will let my fellow committee member Wendy Agnew speak to some of our other concerns.

Thank you.

Richard Gorrie, Ph.D.

Wendy Agnew's Notes for Monday, May 25, 2015 – Re: Proposed Wilson Quarry

Environmental Concerns:

I am Wendy Agnew a resident of Damascus since 2001, I have a PhD in environmental learning and systems theory from the University of Toronto. I became a member of Stop the Quarry – Save Luther Marsh – Now renamed - Friends of Luther Marsh Inc. in 2001. Our group has spent quite a bit of time and money opposing this project and I am speaking today on the probable environmental impacts of a Class A Limestone Quarry on the Luther Marsh and surrounding areas.

The Luther Marsh is one of the last significant wetlands in Southern Ontario – It's a world heritage site and headwaters of the Grand River System. 80% of Ontario's wetlands have been ploughed under for residential, industrial, commercial, or agricultural use.

Wet lands are vital to the health of the environment as they act as sponges and filters for water and air. Not to mention their value as places of peace and learning, as habitat for wildlife – thousand of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals make their home in the Luther Marsh. A Class A Limestone Quarry adjacent to this provincial jewel is a mistake.

First – in spite of promises to comply with rigorous standards of safety there have been serious issues of compliance due to lack of Government supervisors. Gord Miller – Commissioner of the Environment sites a 12 to 20 % rate of supervision per year. I quote - *“Since 1997, the aggregate industry has operated on essentially a self-inspection basis,”*

“the compliance concerns at existing sites are widespread. Both the public and municipalities find this very frustrating.”

Further, as Miller states, we seem to be rewarding an industry that has made little or no attempt to access or utilize secondary sources – only 7% of our aggregates come from the more environmentally sustainable practice of recycling.

From: Committee Transcripts: Standing Committee on General Government - 2012-May-07 - Aggregate Resources Act review

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/committee-proceedings/committee-transcripts-details.do?locale=en&Date=2012-05-07&ParlCommID=8958&BillID=&Business=Aggregate+Resources+Act+review&DocumentID=26292>

Human error is always a factor and a mistake in this sensitive area has the potential for long-term disaster. An industry Document *Limestone Quarrying and Processing – A Life-Cycle Inventory* prepared by the University of Tennessee, 2008 lists over 300 chemical in its Outputs for Limestone Quarrying and Processing a few of these are: Ammonia, Arsenic, Diesel, Dust Unspecified, Cyanide, Formaldehyde, Nitrogen Dioxide, Oil, Plutonium, Slag, Sludge as a hazardous waste, Sulphuric Acid, Heavy Metals and on for 9 pages of the report.

http://www.naturalstonecouncil.org/content/file/LCI%20Reports/Limestone_LCIv1_October2008.pdf

The World Health Organization sites Crystalline Silica dust – a by-product of aggregate blasting as a known carcinogen From - *Concise International Chemical Assessment Document 24*

World Health Organization International, Geneva, 2000<http://www.who.int/ipcs/publications/cicad/en/cicad24.pdf> First draft prepared by Ms F. Rice, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Cincinnati, OH, USA

9.2.3 Lung cancer Lung cancer is associated with occupational exposures to inhaled quartz (IARC, 1997).

Not to mention the danger of gradual PH level changes which can take up to 10 years to manifest and are irreversible and detrimental to a wet land environment.

Gord Miller also sites – and I quote:

“...the public must have trust in the process...and I suggest that that is limited at this time. The approval process is difficult for the public to understand and to navigate. The approval process excludes much municipal control.”

This brings me to the role of our government and the letter and spirit of the law.

The Wellington County Plan states that: *“All municipal official plans, zoning by-laws and public works must conform to the policies of this Plan. The County **considers conformity to mean implementing the spirit and intent of the Wellington County Official Plan** with a view to furthering its broad policy objectives.”* – Wellington Official Plan – Section 14.1

Is not the spirit and intent of an elected body to further the health and well-being of its constituents? Are not the broad policy objectives to protect the interests and future of our inhabitants – whether they are young or old, human or other-than human?

And finally, I would think that the most important policy objective would be the rights of our elected representatives to act on our behalf without pressure or recrimination.

In our opposition to the Wilson Quarry we have circulated two petitions over the years. Each petition garnered approximately 200 signatures – this meeting was called before we could circulate a third so I will include a quote that outlines public concerns by resident farmer Beverly Tosh:

“I am concerned about the water table, noise, pollution, increased trucking, but most important to me is the water table. Why should I be paying taxes for something that will disrupt and blight our community for years to come?” Beverly Tosh – Exclusively Horses – Line 6, Damascus. May 25, 2015

Friends of Luther Marsh,
Box 773,
Arthur, ON, N0G 1A0

May 21, 2015.

Mayor Andy Lennox, and Council,
Township of Wellington North,
7490 Sideroad 7 W.,
P.O. 125,
Kenilworth, ON, N0G 2E0

Dear Mayor Lennox:

First of all, congratulations on your Fall 2014 election as mayor of Wellington North. We keep up with the deliberations of council and read with interest your receipt of Mr. Cliff Booi's detailed report opposing H. Bye Construction's Ghent Pit in the northeast area of the Township.

We are Friends of Luther Marsh, a not-for-profit, incorporated organization that, since 1991, has voiced opposition to the proposed Alfred Wilson Quarry, on the southeast corner of the intersection of County Road 16 and County Road 15 at Monck. We understand that Wellington County Council is debating this matter at their May 28th meeting in Guelph.

We are opposed to this proposed quarry for a number of reasons: the environmental impacts on Luther Marsh itself (with its migratory bird populations and its importance as a headwater to the Grand River), increased traffic through the hamlet of Damascus, noise and dust concerns, loss of property value, and impacts on local water sources.

Now that you are in receipt of Mr. Booi's report, we can add to this list the fact that there appears to be no economic incentive to proceed with this initiative. He notes that demand for gravel is 6% of capacity for Wellington North and 23% for the County. The low demand for gravel in Wellington North will likely mean that the quarry remains active for many years beyond its proposed 18-year lifespan; in addition, should a similar payment mechanism to that proposed by H. Bye for the Ghent Pit be agreed to between the Alfred Wilson Quarry and Wellington North, the income to the township will be negligible.

Mayor Lennox, as a farmer yourself, you will already understand that agricultural land is threatened in southern Ontario. The data in the Booi report demonstrates clearly that we have enough gravel pits and quarries in Wellington North to adequately supply the needs of the

township and county. We urge you and council to oppose rezoning of the applicant's land to a use that would allow for the development of this quarry next to one of the most important wetlands in southern Ontario.

We would be happy to meet with you and council at your convenience and look forward to your response to this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Gorrie".

Richard Gorrie, Ph.D.
President, Friends of Luther Marsh
519-993-8421
info@friendsofluthermarsh.org

c. Mark Van Patter, Planning, County of Wellington



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May 21, 2015

Mike Givens, CAO
Township of Wellington North
7490 Sideroad 7 W, Kennilworth, ON N0G 2E0

Dear Mr. Givens:

Re: Richard Gorrie Letter - Wilson Quarry – Ontario Municipal Board

I thought that I should provide some comments on Dr. Gorrie's letter, a copy of which I received today.

Just to clarify, the Minutes of Settlement for the Wilson Quarry - Ontario Municipal Board hearing is to be considered at the Council of Wellington North on the evening of May 25 in Kenilworth.

Consideration of Minutes of Settlement for the Wilson Quarry - Ontario Municipal Board hearing is to occur (tentatively) at the Wellington County Planning Committee on the morning of June 11 in Guelph.

Dr. Gorrie references a report recently received by Council for the Ghent Gravel Pit. The report's author, Mr. Booi advances a well-developed argument on supply / demand and the question of aggregate need. Unfortunately, the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) instructs decision makers to ignore such arguments:

2.5.2.1 As much of the mineral aggregate resources as is realistically possible shall be made available as close to markets as possible.

Demonstration of need for mineral aggregate resources, including any type of supply/demand analysis, shall not be required, notwithstanding the availability, designation or licensing for extraction of mineral aggregate resources locally or elsewhere.

The issue of prime farmland loss is also raised near the end of Dr. Gorrie's letter. Again the PPS provides the following direction:

2.5.4.1 In *prime agricultural areas*, on *prime agricultural land*, extraction of *mineral aggregate resources* is permitted as an interim use provided that the site will be rehabilitated back to an *agricultural condition*.

Complete rehabilitation to an agricultural condition is not required if:

a) *outside of a specialty crop area, there is a substantial quantity of mineral aggregate resources below the water table warranting extraction, or the depth of planned extraction in a quarry makes restoration of pre-extraction agricultural capability unfeasible;*

In closing, I would just reiterate that the major issue areas – traffic, noise, dust, hydrogeology - have all enjoyed the benefit of a peer review. A de facto environmental peer review has been ongoing through the years by GRCA, as a party to the OMB hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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C: Andy Lennox, Wellington North
Richard Gorrie, Friends of Luther Marsh

May 24, 2015

Mike Givens, CAO
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Dear Mr. Givens:

The response received from Mark Van Patter in answer to concerns stated by Friends of Luther Marsh Inc. re: the proposed Wilson Quarry seemed to adhere to the letter of the law, but not the spirit.

"All municipal official plans, zoning by-laws and public works must conform to the policies of this Plan. The County considers conformity to mean implementing the spirit and intent of the Wellington County Official Plan with a view to furthering its broad policy objectives." – Wellington Official Plan – Section 14.1

In 2014-01-13 public meeting minutes, Darren Jones (Wellington North Planner) refers to the lands in Monck as prime-agricultural and not technically a hamlet. Page Four of http://wellington-north.com/content/government/agendas-minutes/2014-archive/01-13-2014_public_meeting_minutes.pdf but it appears that Monck's designation was changed to limit development, preserve a rural aesthetic, and prevent future development. Essentially, if the people still treat it as a hamlet and the official plan change was to prevent future development - under the spirit of the law - the social protections of a hamlet should still apply.

Socially, Monck is still a hamlet or village - See public records below

The Wellington North website refers to Monck as a hamlet:

Township of Wellington North

The Township of Wellington North is located in the north end of Wellington County and anchored by the communities of Arthur in the south and Mount Forest in the north. The Township also encompasses the charming hamlets of Conn, Damascus, Farewell, Gordonville, Kenilworth, Petherton, Riverstown and Tollgate.

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The GRCA refers to Monck as a hamlet here
<http://www.grandriver.ca/index/document.cfm?Sec=13&Sub1=59&Sub2=106>

Royal LePage calls it a small community here
<http://www.royallepage.ca/en/on/wellingtonnorth>

GRCA refers to Monck as a village here www.grandriver.ca/governance/CW051047.pdf

Monck even features in community information listings:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CHURCHES

Arthur

Arthur Pentecostal Assembly

Rev. Ron Pakulat 519.848.3370

Arthur United Church

Gail Clarkson, DM 519.848.3501

Eagles Nest Christian Ministries

Rev. Jim Walton 519.848.5276

Monck

Monck Baptist Church 519.848.3598

Metz

St. Paul's United Church,

Jack Mc Dougall 519.848.2520

Mount Forest

Faith Baptist Church 519.222.2121

<https://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/28139/51762/pub/>

In the Wellington County Official Plan – Section 6.61, There are limits placed on new aggregate locations -

"In order to recognize environmental and land use constraints to the establishment of mineral aggregate operations, the following are not included in the Mineral Aggregate Resource Overlay: urban centres and hamlets plus 300 metres beyond their boundaries"

These areas are protected to ensure safety around residential settlements and protect the quality of our communities. Adhering to the spirit and intent of the Official Plan calls for us to protect the land surrounding the Monck Community.

I hesitate to draw attention to the obvious, but the residents of Wellington North stand to lose much in quality of life, property value, possible water supply, safety, not to mention degradation of the environmental. We – the people - are supposedly the government. - Not a large aggregate corporation. So I ask you, a public official, why has our citizen's group opposed this dubious proposal for over 20 years at considerable cost, only to be afflicted with heavy industry invading our beautiful community?

When – as stated in the Booi report – there is low demand for gravel in Wellington North and therefore slim economic incentive – and when climate change due to fossil fuel emission is having disastrous global results ... when these facts are before us, how dare we ignore them in favour of a high-polluting industry that will show little or no benefit for our citizens.

Approving this license for a million tonnes / year extraction is dangerous at best.

Reconsider ...

- 365 days a year * 5 / 7 = 260 week days
- 260 week days – 10 holidays = 250 working days
- 1,000,000 tonnes per year / 250 working days = 4,000 tonnes per day
- 4000 tonnes / 34 tonnes per truck⁵ = 117.6 loaded trucks per day
- Because every loaded truck out needs an empty truck in:
 - 117.6 loaded trucks * 2 = 235.3 truck trips a day
 - 235.3 trucks / 12 hours = 19.6 trucks an hour
- 19.6 trucks an hour is a truck every 3 minutes and 4 seconds

Not to mention dust (crystalline silicate – a known carcinogen)

Volatile byproducts like Diesel and ammonium sulfate leaching into the marsh

Cumulative change in PH levels – an irreversible environmental hazard

Lack of compliance issues due to insufficient supervision

No or little attempt on the part of the industry to research and use secondary sources, thereby reducing the need for virgin pits as directed by Environment Minister Gord Miller

Potential fracturing due to karst formations with damaging and far reaching effects to water quality and quantity ... the list of cons is endless – for what gain?

I ask you Mr. Givens, planners, councilors, and OMB representatives to think of the repercussions of this decision. We are moving into an age where environmental disasters can no longer be tolerated.

We do not have the excuse of past generations. We know human power and human fallibility, and we know that our resources are not limitless.

Please act for the future,

Dr. Wendy Agnew
Friends of Luther Marsh

Sustainability Frontiers
<http://www.sustainabilityfrontiers.org>