

Town of the Blue Mountains

April 4, 2018

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Good afternoon.

I am Ian Sinclair

Representing - **The Friends of the Pretty River Valley.**

- We are here to reach out to council
- To Work with Council

Not to change the Official Plan with regards to the Application.

The Application has hit a nerve in our community.

The Pretty River Valley Park is one of Ontario's most

Pristine Parks - A JEWEL!

- 120 kilometres of trails

- Outstanding - woodlands
 - wildlife
 - nature
- 12 kilometres from Collingwood
- Less than 15 minutes drive from Thornbury

The Park Appeals to all the seasons...For

- Recreation
- Tourists
- Residents

**The Growth and Attraction has and will be Exponential
Simply the Park is a Growth Engine for Our Community**

Please Note:

Picture #1 Proposed Application

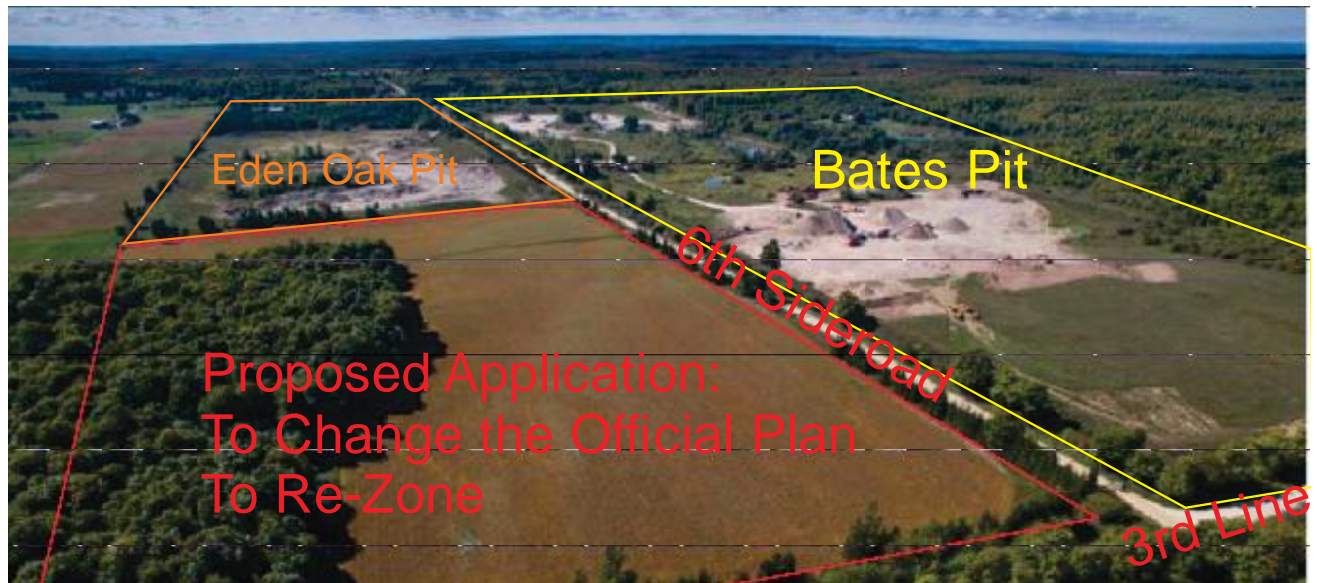


I will highlight

- **Not only Bordering but Taking a Chunk of the Park**
- Conn Pit - Eden Oak - Gibraltar Sand and Gravel
- Opposite Side Bates Pit

Picture #2

The Gateway to the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park



- The Bates Pit - In 2 Years Has now Expanded to the 3rd Line - **Covering - 4th Line to 3rd Line**

You have to experience

- **The Devastation**
- **The Noise**
- **The Armada of Huge Gravel Trucks**

Conn Pit - Eden Oak - Gibraltar Sand and Gravel

- In Operation
- The Water Table - Huge Issue - Not Right
- Application - 150,000 tons below the water table

Once Again

- **The Devastation**
- **The Noise**
- **Gravel Trucks + Bates**

The Beauty and Magnificence of this Environment and Area Is Too Difficult to Word Smith

- It Must Be Experienced
- It Is a Treasure

The Applicants' Map is the Furthest Thing From Reality

As a Result of the Application:

- The Friends of the Pretty River Valley was Formed
- A web site was set-up
- **In 2 1/2 months** - Residents
 - Tourists
 - Recreational

A total of 1085 signed a petition - NOT TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL PLAN

This was submitted to council **October 2016**

Due to My Limited Presentation Time - It is a Matter of Record Based on Previous Correspondence and Presentation - I would Ask that You Review

- **The Pictorials of Duntroon and Walker Aggregates**

A Must See

A Parallel Situation would Happen if the Application is Approved

The Park - The Importance To our Community

- As a Destination Location:
 - Tourism
 - Recreation
 - Residential
 - **It Is Essential The Park is Preserved**

- **The Tax Revenue Generation - Based on the Above Facts**
 - Is Infinitum
 - Solid Growing Base

Employment Opportunities - Secondary Businesses

- Retail
- Restaurants
- Sports Clinics, etc.

Would continue to grow

No shortage of Gravel in the Area

There are a the number of Large Gravel Pits in Full Operation

Ecologically - you just don't disturb the water table

- Proposed Pit Life: 60 years
- Operating 6 Days a Week
- + 44 More Trucks on the Road - Bates Pits, Gibraltar Sand and Gravel

November 2016: I presented to The Committee of the Whole Meeting

Top Line Facts

- The significance and importance of the Environment and Area to our Community
- Stressing the importance of both Short and Long term Thinking

**Our Focus Should be...
Preservation Not Devastation**

In Terms of Council's "**Operating Pillars**" - I am sure a Significant Amount of

- Thought
- Time
- Debate
- Financial Resources

were employed - Past & Present Into the Town's Operating Statements - Dating Back to 2005

At this point I would like to reference and the Town's Operating Pillars

Corporate Strategic Plan
2015 - 2020

The Application Contravenes All Operating Pillars and Statements

Message From the Mayor

Opening Sentence:

"The Town of the Blue Mountains is proud of our agricultural history."

Community Wish - Leave the Site Under Agriculture

3rd Paragraph

"It is about capitalizing on the Opportunities that will allow the Town of the Blue Mountains to achieve success - Long term sustainable success."

The Pretty River Park is that Opportunity.

Last Sentence:

"We are working together to ensure that the Town of the Blue Mountains Encompasses the Best Ontario Experiences"

- **Our treasures must be protected.**
- **Be true to the Message**

The Town of the Blue Mountains Operating Pillars

The Vision:

The Town of the Blue Mountains "**encompassing the best of Ontario Experiences.** A complete community designed to last, where opportunities abound."

The Application totally contravenes the Vision Statement.

The Mission:

"The corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains will support our diverse community by managing change through innovative leadership, fiscal responsibility and commitment to excellence."

The Application totally contravenes the Mission Statement

Corporate Values:

At the Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains, we believe in:

People - growing and working together

Trust - provide open and clear communication to the public

Respect - for every voice

Excellence - providing great service to our community

Integrity - honest and fair in all we do

Accountability - committed and accountable to our community - **Support the wishes of the community**

Stewardship - caring for the present, committed to the future

We are committed to doing our best and doing the right things for our community. We are constantly looking to improve our services and to enhance our practices of striving towards municipal service excellence.

**The Application Totally Contravenes the
Statement**

Stewardship - the Importance of Short and Long Term Thinking

**Preservation
Not
Devastation**

Strategic Goals and Objectives

- There are 5 Key Goals

Goal #1 Create Opportunities for Sustainability

The Town of the Blue Mountains is home to progressive businesses that provide employment opportunities and economic benefits.

Agriculture continues to be a cornerstone of our municipality's economy and identity. Tourism is a key economic driver and we will capitalize on our unique strengths and defining natural features to continue to draw year-round visitors as a unique and vibrant four-season community.

Objectives:

1. Retain Existing Business
2. Attract New Business
3. Promote a Diversified Economy
4. Support Value-Added Agriculture and Culinary Tourism
5. Improved Visibility and Local Identity

The Application totally contravenes Goal #1

Goal #2 Engage Our Communities and Partners

Goal #3 Support Healthy Lifestyle

The Town of the Blue Mountains recognizes **the significance of our natural ecological assets and the need to protect them for future generations.** Our community offers an unparalleled lifestyle, small town charm and a range of housing choices. **The corporation will keep the needs of our residents in mind while making appropriate and well considered land-use decisions.**

Objectives:

- 1. Promote the Town as a Healthy Community**
2. Increase the Range of Housing Choices and Promote Housing Affordability
3. Manage Growth and Promote Smart Growth
- 4. Commit to Sustainability**

The Application Totally Contravenes Goal #3

Goal #4 Promote a Culture of Organization and Operational Excellence

Goal #5 Ensure that Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

The Blue Mountains Your Community Your Planet

Sustainable Path

A community that is healthy and sustainable.

The concept of sustainability **is one of stewardship - to care or to take responsibility for something that one does not own.** We believe that with the help of our community partners, we can work together towards **the creation of a community that is healthy and sustainable.** Our path is built upon partnerships with a diverse range of citizen stakeholders, businesses and groups. Together we are and will be innovative and creative in defining our path and setting lofty goals **to achieve a sustainable community.**

**The Application Totally Contravenes the
Sustainable Path**

- As Tax Paying Citizens, who passionately Believe in Our Community

- **We reach out to Council**
- **Our Elected Officials to Follow the Operating Pillars**

Not to Base a Decision of This Magnitude on Historical, Outdated Legislation

- **Protect Our Treasure**

To Support the Wishes of Our Community

- **Not To Accept the Application**
- **Not to Change the Official Plan to Re Zone**

On behalf

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley

We Thank You For Your Time.

I had 2 conversations with Scott Taylor - Senior Planner
Grey County

- 2 Key Take Aways with Regards to the Staff Report

1. Protocol is based on Macro Perspective which is based on Legislation and Policy
2. Do Not Comment on Aggregate Supply - Not in the "Prediction Business"

I am very disappointed with Denise Whaley's Staff Report
It is Flawed

Firstly:

One Policy after Another is Cited

Secondly:

No Review, **No** Analysis as it Relates to the
Corporate Strategic Plan

No Economic Analysis

- As it Relates to Tax Revenue
- Tourism
- Employment

The Only Reference is "E"

"The Report Supports Goal #3 Support Healthy Lifestyle Objective #4 - Commit to Sustainability"

I Disagree - the Application Clearly Contravenes the Goal #3 and Objective #4

"The Protection of Natural Ecological Assets for the Future Generations"

- The Water Table Is Essential
- The Pretty River Valley Park - The Economic Driver That is the Commitment to Sustainability Dollars / Revenue Trumps Aggregate

Thirdly:

The Community Wishes

List - Recap of Concerns

Grey County
Scott Taylor

Town of Blue Mountains
Denise Whaley

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- Why the difference? Interesting

From the "Get Go" Denise has had an Interesting Posture

- May 2016
 - I saw the sign at the site
 - Called Denise - Name on Sign
 - Ask My Open-ended Question
 - **Input** "Don't waste my time, the application is too far down the line."
- *Mountain Life* Interview "Fall 2016 Edition"
 - Even if it got a million petition signatures, won't change how I write my staff report
 - People who sign don't have an interest in the area

I ask what happened to the importance of Tourism is Goal #1

- Have to Review it on good planning policies"
- Not Just Whether People want a Gravel Pit there or not - what happened to Community Wish
 - Very Disappointing
 - Very Concerning - with the backdrop of how the decision was arrived - to recommendation to change the "Official Plan"

The Application is Based Solely on Business Profit

The Owner's **Do Not** have a Vested Interest in the Community

Recommendation

The Community has had only 6 Days to View the Staff Report - Denise has had 2 Years

Time Out is Required

- Deep Review
- The Application Affects 3 Generations
- Totally Contravenes the Corporate Strategic Plan

If you would like - We Can

- We Would

Reach Out to All Blue Mountain Tax Payers

- Review Historical Legislation
- Review Historical Policies
- Review Aggregate Supply vs Demand

A Weighting Analysis is Essential

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| <p>Corporate Strategic Plan</p> <p>vs</p> <p>Historical / Outdated Legislation and Policies</p> |
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