Town of the Blue Mountains

August 26, 2019

Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley

Ian Sinclair
Deputation Purpose

To Reach Out to Council

- **Not to Change** The Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

- **Not to Allow** Extraction Below the Water Table

To Vigorously Oppose the Application

- **Support** the Will of the Community

- **Protect** a Blue Mountain Treasure - A Nodal Park
Deputation Purpose

- Council Support - The Mandate September 24, 2018

Motion Passed / Ratified

**Vigorously** Oppose the Application **Not To** Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction

The Importance / Power of Word...Words Matter

**Council** - With a Purpose Emphasized / Highlighted the Word

VIGOROUSLY
Deputation Purpose

**Oxford Dictionary** - Definition -

**Vigorously**

- **In a Way that Involves**
  - Powerfully
  - Forcefully
  - Energetically
  - Aggressively
  - Enthusiastically
  - Intensely Hard - As Hard as Possible

- **ELECTED COUNCIL** *(October 2018)* - Governing Legacy

  *Be* Your - Word / Promise / Commitment

Not to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction Bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.

**Not to** Allow Extraction Below the Water Table.

**Support** - The Tax Payers that Voted For You
The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

The Proposed Application to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone

The Application - **If Accepted**

**Decimate the Environment**

- Projected 2,700,000 Tons
- Projected Pit Life - 60 years - 3 Generations
- Massive Devastation / Landscape Scarred Forever

**The Affect**
- Wild Life
- Endangered Species
- Wood Lot - 200+ Years Old
- Vegetation Flowers
The Gateway to the Pretty River
Valley Provincial Park

**Bates Pit** - Covering - 4th Line to 3rd Line

**A Must See** - Duntoon / Walker Aggregates

**Parallel Situation**
- 2 Mega Pits - Separated by a Narrow Dirt Road

- **Gateway** - To a Blue Mountain
  - Treasure
  - Nodal Park
  - Recreation - All Seasons
  - Tourists
The Process

- Recognized As Being \textbf{Broken} and \textbf{Inept}
- \textbf{The Park Should Not Be The Consequence}

\textbf{Step Back}

Walk in the Friends Shoes...

\textbf{The Journey}

\textbf{Friends VS The Opponents}

- The Applicant
- Blue Mountain
  - Council
  - Planner
  - Legal Council
- Grey County
  - Planner
Top Line

May 2016
- The Sign - Site
- Nobody Knew About the Application - 120 Metres - Outdated Policy

July/August/September 2016
- Full Media Support
- Video - Scott Thornton / Jeff MacInnis
  2 Weeks - +5000 views

October 2016
- 1085 Petition Signatures
- Submitted to Council

2 1/2 Months - Unprecedented
November 14, 2016

· Presentation / Deputation - COW

· The Friends Kept Reaching Out

March 2018

· Grey County - Approve the Application
· Friends - Not Aware of the Meetings

MHBC Had an Open Playing Field

April 4, 2018

Presentation / Deputation - COW
5 of 5 Councillors

· Rejected the Staff Report

· Rejected the Application

· Council Recognized the Flawed Staff Report
Interesting to Note:

- Brian Zeman / MHBC - Presentation
  Agency Support · Highlighted - Town Planning

Called Out - Michael Martin - Not So!!

April 16, 2018 - Council Meeting

- April 4, 2018 Motion Not Ratified

What Happened - In That 12 Day Period?

My Feelings

Applicant Lawyer - Frank Wright · Letter to Council
  - Condescending
  - Rude
  - Bully Letter
  - Frank Wright - A Hawk Not a Dove
    "Spooked Council"
**May 2018** - Blue Mountain

- **Appeal** to Grey County - **Should Not** Have Made Decision Before the Town

**Friends** - **Appeal** - To Grey County Re: Decision
- **Appeal Town** - Request a Seat at the Planning Table

  · Due to the Alignment of Planning and MHBC

**July 14, 2018 - 6 Hrs. - Mountain Bike Race**

  · **Alar Soever** -
    **Pledged** Support **Not To** Change the Official Plan

  · **Odette Bartnicki** -
    **Pledged** Support **Not To** Change the Official Plan

  · **Andrea Matrosovs** -
    **Pledged** Support - **Not to** Change the Official Plan
Friends Produced Campaign Videos at the Site

Candidate Councillors - Pledged Support - **NOT TO**
Change the Official Plan

- Peter Bordignon
- Rob Sampson
- Rob Potter

- The Friends Communication Network Supported
  the Candidates

**August 7, 2018** - Friends - Brian Hunt Video
  +25,000 Views - 3 Weeks

**Focus** - The Park VS Pit Application
  - Upcoming Election

**September 10, 2018** - Council Meeting - COW
  - Motion Passed to **Vigorously** Oppose the Application

**September 24, 2018** - Council Meeting
  - September 10, 2018 Motion
    **Ratified** to **Vigorously** Oppose
Town Council - Introduction
· Meeting Close
· Never Met Before

Question - "What Will Your Compromise Be"

October 22, 2018 - Municipal Election
· 16 Candidates
· 14 Supported **Not To** Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone

October 23, 2018 - Elected Winners
· 6 of 7 Supported **Not To** Change the Official Plan

February 2019

**Requested** of the Friends
- A Show of Good Faith - To Communicate
- **With Reluctance**
  "A Compromise"

**Presented** - North / South Line on The Site Map
The Friends / Council Request

1. **Vigorously Support** the Ratified Motion
   - September 24, 2018

**Not to Change** The Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

2. **Negotiate** - If Possible
   - **The Compromise** - North/South Line on the Site Map

3. **If Not Vigorously** Oppose the Application
   - LPAT Meeting

4. **Accept** No Negative Narrative

5. **Legacy** - Council Governing Legacy
   - **Be Your** - Word / Commitment/Promise / Pledge
   - **Not** To Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone
6. **Assemble** - The **Best Team** To Support the Town's Opposition to the Application

- **Legal** - Experience
  - Passion/Energy
  - Commitment to Win

- **Experts** - Covering All Elements

In View of the Mishandling of This Journey - It Should Not Be About Dollars/Cost

- **Correcting**
  - A Right From Wrong
  - A Broken Inept Process

The Park **Should Not** Be the Consequence
On Behalf

Of

The Friends of the

Pretty River Valley

Thank You For

Your Time