

## **Presentation by Karen Ng to the Committee of the Whole (April 4, 2018)**

Re: Zoning By-law Amendment for Gibraltar Pit Expansion

We are new to the area and will move into our new property (375 meters away from the proposed pit) on April 8, 2018. We respectfully request that Council **defer** today's amendment decision until we have had time to review all the materials in light of our multiple concerns, including:

- 1) **Well monitoring** -- We request that our well be a part of the well monitoring program and that our water quality and quantity be characterized and documented prior to commencement of any activity on the proposed site.
- 2) **Restrictions on Saturday Hours of Truck Operation (in view of bicycle safety and the importance of outdoor recreational culture in the Township)**
  - a. We request firstly that **NO** activity be permitted on Saturday mornings.
  - b. If Saturday activity must be permitted (on Saturdays with no on-road Blue Mountains sports events/races), we request that any activity on Saturday mornings be limited to equipment maintenance and local deliveries only with a stipulation for **NO general shipping** -- a small concession for the aggregate operation to make for the **MAJOR** benefit of the local community and entire township.
- 3) **Requirement for Broadband Sound Reversing Alarms on all pit-related vehicles.**

Compared to tonal alarms, broadband sound alarms have superior workplace safety parameters (Report R-833, 2014; IRSST) and they emit a more pleasant sound that poses less of an environmental noise nuisance (ISO 1996-1, 2003; Federal Aviation Administration).

  - a. We request that broadband sound alarms be required on all pit-related vehicles in lieu of conventional tonal alarms.
- 4) **Use of the Aggregate Operator Levy Paid to the Town of the Blue Mountains.** We understand the Town will receive approximately >\$300,000 over the lifespan of the subject pit operation through the required provincial levy paid by aggregate operators (i.e. 12 cents per tonne). We request that this be directed to remediating road and other municipal issues arising as a result of the mining operations.
- 5) **Consideration of the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement of 2014** -- It is not clear if cumulative impact of the proposal and nearby operations was considered by the proposal. Particularly, we question whether or not comprehensive rehabilitation was considered as part of this proposal, as per the requirements of the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement.

### **\* \* Requests for Today \* \***

A. We respectfully request that the applicant **incorporate aforementioned items No. 1, 2 and 3 above directly into the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) Site and Operations Plan.**

B. Until these concerns have been addressed through the addition to and edits of the ARA Site Plan notes, **we respectfully request deferral of the decision on zoning amendment.**