

**“REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE GIBRALTAR SAND AND GRAVEL
COMPANY FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAIN
OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING POLICY**

Council of The Corporation The Town of The Blue Mountains
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

9 April 2018

Dear Corrina Giles, Town Clerk:

We were pleased to participate in the 4 April meeting of the Committee of the Whole that dealt with the Gibraltar Pit expansion issue. This lively event demonstrated widespread support for the protection of the Pretty River Valley provincial park, and the promotion of sustainable ecological development in this region. For those who treasure the unique Niagara Escarpment environment the decision of the Committee of the Whole was a wonderful result. Hopefully, this bold initiative will be confirmed at the Council meeting of 16 April.

As representatives of the Friends of the Pretty River Valley, we are concerned about the accuracy of some of the arguments presented by the company's spokesman (Mr. Brian Zeman of MHBC), and by planners from the Town of the Blue Mountains (Ms. Denise Whalley) and Grey County (Mr. Scott Taylor). In keeping with the tradition of transparency and fairness, we would therefore like to request that the following information be made available for our consideration. This is important not only for this stage of the review process, but also if the application is appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

ITEM ONE: Background information about License No. 4945 (presently Gibraltar Sand & Gravel). This should include the circumstances of the first stage of production; changes in ownership; major interruptions of production. If this requires a Freedom of Information request we are prepared to proceed with this procedure.

ITEM TWO: On 4 April supporters of the Gibraltar application emphasized that the following agencies "are satisfied and/or have not identified any outstanding concerns:" Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Grey Sauble Conservation

Authority; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Niagara Escarpment Commission; Ontario Parks. We respectfully request copies of these "endorsements" from each agency cited above.

In our opinion, all of this material should now be part of the public record. We will, of course, pay for any copying costs or other incidental expenses

Yours truly,

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