



# NDACT NEWSLETTER

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## PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR

comments or supplement the comments you previously submitted regarding the quarry on the Environmental Registry on or before July 11, 2011.

*In your own words, please **request a full provincial Environmental Assessment!***

The largest quarry application filed in this province should have full scrutiny to protect Ontarians water and food supply!

<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTyNTY2&statusId=MTY4ODI5&language=en>

## PROTECT YOUR WATER and FOOD MAY UPDATE

The last date for filing written objections to the application filed by Highland Companies under the Aggregate Resources Act for a 2,316 acre 200 foot below the water table open pit mine was April 26, 2011.

NDACT would like to thank every single individual who took the time to write and submit a letter. We are still waiting on a final confirmation from the Ministry of Natural Resources, but it is our understanding that a record number of objection letters were received.

All letters submitted by April 26 MUST be considered by Highland Companies and they are required to respond and attempt to resolve the objection within 2 years. All letters submitted are public information.

It should be noted that, due to overwhelming pressure from the public and a number of municipalities, the Ministry of Natural Resources extended the deadline for submitting letters of objection through the Environmental Registry to July 11<sup>th</sup> (see sidebar in black on this page)

It is impossible to list all letters submitted, but here are some NDACT



NDACT objection  
letter April 19 submit

**Grand River Conservation Authority**



GRCA comments to  
MNR.pdf

**Council of Canadians**

<http://canadians.org/water/documents/Letter-Barlow-Melancthon-0411.pdf>

**Suzuki Foundation**

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/54226380/DSF-Highlands-Companies-Aggregate-Proposal-Letter-to-OMNR-Final>

The response in support of NDACT in opposition to the aggregate application filed by the Highland Companies has truly been overwhelming. On behalf of NDACT we want to thank every single person, municipality and agency who submitted their letter of opposition on or before the April 26, 2011 deadline. These letters are extremely important in this fight.

Thank you to the politicians who have helped further this cause, to the municipalities who received NDACT as a delegation and to Melancthon Council for showing leadership on this issue and for their diligent work and efforts in support of safeguarding the interests of their constituents.

To those individuals who showed up by the hundreds at the open house held by Highland Companies on April 12, 2011, your presence was an important catalyst to the lead up to the submission of letters of opposition, so thank you to everyone, particularly the busloads of people who travelled great distances to support the cause.

To those individuals who organized and walked every step of the way on the Stop the Quarry March from Queen's Park to Jim Black's farm over the Easter weekend there are no words to express our appreciation. To those who brought endless and vast quantities of food to the pot luck (and to the entire Black family) thanks! The media coverage from that walk has greatly increased the profile of this issue throughout Ontario, Canada and even the United States.

And a big thanks to all the volunteers and donors who work behind the scenes and make the meetings and events run well. And if you have emailed NDACT to offer your services, please be patient if we have not responded yet. We are considering the best way to utilize these offers and to ensure there is no duplication.

This is just the beginning, but this outpouring of support has certainly provided a boost to the cause.

Dale Rutledge, Chair  
Carl Cosack, Vice Chair  
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### Pictures of the Walk to Stop the Quarry



Chickenman



Dale Goldhawk



Walkers

## Press Release

### **M.P. DAVID TILSON CALLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON MELANCTHON QUARRY PROJECT**

May 24, 2011

Ottawa, ON – David Tilson, Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, is today releasing the text of a [letter](#) sent this week to the Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment, regarding the Highland Companies' proposal for a mega-quarry in Melancthon Township.

While the major part of the regulatory approval burden for the Melancthon quarry falls to the Province of Ontario, Mr. Tilson notes that there are aspects to the proposal that require federal environmental review and he is calling on the Minister to undertake the necessary environmental assessment.

"The level of concern expressed to me by residents is very significant. I felt it was necessary and appropriate to ask the Minister to look at this case," stated Mr. Tilson. "If approved, this would be the largest quarry in Canada and would take up a significant chunk of prime farmland in Melancthon. It needs to be looked at from all angles."

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act contains a number of "triggers" that can cause an environmental assessment to be undertaken. Among them are regulations surrounding freshwater fisheries, which could possibly include the tributary of the Pine River that flows through the site.

#### **Orangeville Banner 2pm May 24 Tilson wants federal eyes on quarry plan**

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson has joined the ranks of people calling for an Environmental Assessment (EA) to be done in regard to The Highland Companies' application for a 2,316-acre quarry in Melancthon.

Although The Highland Companies' application is largely a provincial issue, Tilson notes in a recent letter to federal Environment Minister Peter Kent that there are aspects of the proposal that require federal review.

"The level of concern expressed to me by residents is very significant. I felt it was necessary and appropriate to ask the minister to look at this case," Tilson said in a news release issued today (May 24).

"If approved, this would be the largest quarry in Canada and would take up a significant chunk of prime farmland in Melancthon. It needs to be looked at from all angles."

According to Tilson, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act contains a large number of "triggers" that could cause the federal government to undertake an EA. Some of those include regulations regarding freshwater fisheries, which could include the tributary of the Pine River flowing through the proposed site.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**May 28**-8am-noon Creemore Farmers Market-NDACT booth

**June 22**-NDACT speaking at Guelph Chapter Council of Canadians

**July 3**- Plein Air 'Paint- In': Artists against the Mega Quarry.-contact [marthaartist@gmail.com](mailto:marthaartist@gmail.com)

**July 7**- NDACT Golf Tournament-see pg 4 & 5

**July 11**-Last date for submitting comments to the Environmental Bill Registry (see pg 1)

## LINKS TO NEWS ARTICLES

### **QUARRY HEART-NOW Magazine**

<http://www.nowtoronto.com/daily/news/story.cfm?content=180280>

### **Melancthon Quarry set to be an election issue-COUNCIL OF CANADIANS**

<http://www.canadians.org/campaignblog/?p=7944>

### **No Quarry on the Haldimand Tract-NDN MEDIA**

<http://ndnmedia.wordpress.com/2011/05/06/kahnekoteh-people-are-speaking-out-in-defense-of-the-land-get-involved-now-no-melancthon-quarry/>

### **A Game of Balance-WATER CANADA**

<http://watercanada.net/tags/melancthon-township/>

### **Open Pit Politics-NOW Magazine**

<http://www.nowtoronto.com/news/story.cfm?content=180790>

### **Community Fights Mega-Quarry-HOMEMAKER magazine**

<http://www.homemakers.com/blog/ecologic/2011/05/09/community-fights-mega-quarry/>

### **Billion tonne Mega-Quarry to "Improve" local environment-SUZUKI FOUNDATION**

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/blogs/panther-lounge/2011/05/billion-tonne-mega-quarry-to-improve-the-local-environment/>

### **You can't eat Aggregate-IN THE HILLS**

<http://www.foodinthehills.ca/2011/05/departments/you-can%E2%80%99t-eat-aggregates/>





### Preserving & Protecting

#### OUR UNIQUE, NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES

- Our prime, productive agricultural lands
- Our clean, abundant water sources
- Our rural culture and heritage
- The beauty and serenity of our countryside
- Our clean air
- Our wildlife habitats

### DON'T MISS OUT!

#### LOCATION

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516423 County Rd 124

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Rick Wallace  
519-925-0601

Arch McLean  
416-449-3455

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519-925-9491

# HELP STOP THE QUARRY

BY JOINING US IN OUR

## 3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Thursday, July 7, 2011**

**at The Shelburne Golf Club**

### 18 Hole Scramble

(Registration at 9:30 a.m., Tee-off at 10:30 a.m.)

- \*3 Separate Divisions (Mens, Mixed, Ladies)
- \*Dinner and Silent Auction
- \*Awards, Prizes and Draws

**\$150.00/golfer** Includes 18 holes, power cart,  
dinner & silent auction  
**\$55.00/person** Dinner and Silent Auction



### Early Bird Prize!

Register with payment by June 15 '11,  
and you could win one golf/dinner ticket  
for free!

**Be sure to sign up early to guarantee  
a spot - Don't be disappointed!**

\*Silent Auction bidding opens at 12:00 pm and closes at 7:00 pm

# NDACT 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser and Golf Tournament

Thurs. July 7, 2011

Shelburne Golf Club, County Road 124, Shelburne

## GOLFERS (Golf/Dinner/Auction)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to arrange my FOURSOME

Please collect funds from the players and remit in full.

**Funds received by June 15<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the EARLY BIRD PRIZE.**

Name of Player	Phone Number
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

## DINNER and SILENT AUCTION

Names	Phone Number

### Registration Dates:

**June 15 – Golfers are eligible for Early Bird Prize if funds are received in full**

**June 25 – Last Date to register for Golf/Dinner/Silent Auction**

**June 25 – Last Date to register for Dinner and Silent Auction**

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Golf / Dinner\* / Silent Auction @ \$150/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner\* / Silent Auction @ \$55/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to make a financial contribution only \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please indicate **Dinner** Selection:

# \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ Steak      # \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ Chicken

# \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian or other provide other dietary preference \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward cheque payable to NDACT**

**P.O. Box 15, Honeywood, ON L0N 1H0**

**Thank you.**

**Signature &  
Date:**