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Denise B. Holmes, Clerk  
Township of Melancthon  
157101 Highway 1, R. R. #6  
Shelbourne, Ontario, L0N 1S9

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Dear Ms. Holmes:

Re: **Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Application**  
**The Highland Companies proposed Quarry**  
**Melancthon Township**

We have received the circulated reports prepared by the Highland Companies in support of the proposed quarry operation. We have provided comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources, with a copy to the Township of Melancthon, dated April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 that outlined some preliminary concerns identified with the submission. Our previous correspondence to the Ministry of Natural Resources is attached to form part of our comments to the municipality.

Through our initial review, we have determined that we are not in agreement with some of the information provided in the reports, including the watershed boundary between the Grand and Nottawasaga Rivers. There is insufficient information provided in the reports to assess the potential impacts to the Grand River watershed. We have requested additional information and clarification and are currently waiting for a response from the applicant.

We recommend that these applications not be approved at this time. There are outstanding questions relating to the potential impacts that may arise as a result of the proposed undertaking, and we can not support approval of the proposal until these issues have been addressed.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Natolochny".

Fred Natolochny  
Supervisor of Resources Planning  
Resources Planning

cc. Ministry of Natural Resources, Midhurst District  
The Highland Companies  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority



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