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THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

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July 12, 2011

The Honourable John Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment
77 Wellesley Street West
11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto ON
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Dear Sir:

Re: The Highland Companies - Application to Establish a Quarry in Melancthon Township

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the Council meeting held on July 7, 2011, to request the Ministry of the Environment to conduct a Full Environmental Assessment of The Highland Companies Application to establish a limestone quarry in our Township. The various reasons for this request are contained in the resolution.

Moved by Elliott, Seconded by Crowe:

Be it resolved that:

"Whereas the Highland Companies has filed an application for an aggregate license with the Ministry of Natural Resources and an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw Amendment with the Township of Melancthon to develop a 2316 Acre below the water table limestone quarry,

And whereas the documents accompanying the application indicate the facility will operate 365 days per year, 24 hours per day with blasting occurring everyday except Sunday and statutory holidays,

And whereas the documents also indicate there would be as many as three hundred trucks per hour on the County and Township roads that currently transport our children on school busses,

And whereas there are many families and businesses along the proposed haul routes that will be impacted by this increased traffic,

And whereas the Township is at the headwaters of five rivers in two Conservation Areas affecting over one million people in Ontario,

And whereas the proposed quarry is reported to be the largest of its kind in Canada and second largest in North America,

And whereas there is potential to have negative impacts on the Township, County and Provincial water resources,

And whereas there is potential for severe change to the health and safety plus social, economic well- being, of the citizens of the Township,

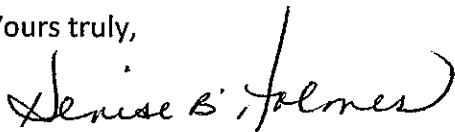
And whereas there is potential for negative impacts on wild life, aquatic, flora and fauna and class one farm land in the Township,

Therefore be it resolved that given the scope of this project and the potential impacts on the citizens of the area and population of the Province at large, The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon requests the Ministry of the Environment to conduct a full environmental assessment of this application.

Further that a copy of this resolution be filed at the EBR website and directed to Premier McGuinty, The Minister of the Environment, The Minister of Natural Resources, The Federal Minister of the Environment, MP David Tilson and MPP Sylvia Jones."

Carried.

Yours truly,



Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
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Recorded Vote

Mayor Hill - Yea

Deputy Mayor White - Absent

Councillor Crowe - Yea

Councillor Elliott - Yea

Councillor Malek - Absent

- c. Premier Dalton McGuinty
The Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Natural Resources
The Honourable Peter Kent, Federal Minister of the Environment
David Tilson, MP
Sylvia Jones, MPP