

July 5, 2022

RE: Application by 1851477 Ontario Inc. under the Aggregate Resources Act for a new quarry adjacent to an established pit and quarry

To:

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ARA Approvals (ARAapprovals@ontario.ca)
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From:

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Dear OMNRF ARA Representative, and Officers of the Township of East Ferris:

We are taxpayers who have resided at 180 Quae Quae Road in EFT for 32 years. When we moved to the region and had to choose between the hustle, bustle and heavy traffic of North Bay for our home, or the rural tranquility of East Ferris Township, we chose to drive further each day to work, to pay our taxes here, and to reside in the township. However, a dramatic increase in traffic on our road over this 30-year period has greatly reduced the area's appeal. We believe that if the application to open a new quarry adjacent to an existing quarry off Lavigne Road is granted as it is currently stated, traffic may increase to an intolerable level. This makes us unhappy, and it is not consistent with the Municipality's Active Transportation Plan (ATP).

We recognize the importance of aggregate resources and we support the aggregate industry. When we are out walking or cycling on area roads, trucks that are hauling aggregate have always been courteous and have given us space, which we greatly appreciate. However, the application would increase the maximum annual limit of aggregate that can be extracted from the area off Lavigne Road from 20,000 tonnes to 450,000 tonnes. This could mean truck traffic on Lavigne, Ouellette, Quae Quae and other area roads could increase by more than 22 times! There would also be much more noise, more dust, greater danger for residents using the roads for walking or cycling, and greater danger for pets and wildlife. We suspect that this increase in truck traffic would also require the township to increase its road maintenance and repair budget, and our taxes would go up again.

We note that EFT 's Active Transportation Plan includes a summary of comments from area residents, and on p. 10 it states that residents believe that Quae Quae Road already has "too

many trucks, too much speed, and that the road is narrow for safe active transportation activity". On p. 11 of the ATP, residents noted that they would like to see "safe on road walking" and a "safe on road cycling circuit". On p. 14 the ATP states that Quae Quae Road is one of the roads used the most by cyclists. Quae Quae Road is part of the "Voyageur Cycling Route", and p. 15 of the ATP says that the "Voyageur Cycling Route is the backbone of East Ferris's existing active transportation network". Therefore, an increase in area truck traffic by up to 22 times would be totally inconsistent with the Township's ATP.

The Township also has a Community Safety and Well Being Plan (CSWBP), in which a key desired outcome is "A safer East Ferris with everyone going about their daily activities without risk or fear of harm". Greatly increased truck traffic on roads in the vicinity of the quarry will not help to achieve that outcome.

In summary, we are not against a quarry, but we do not support the application because of its potential to significantly increase truck traffic on our local roads.

Sincerely,

Brian and Kandyd Naylor