

Christine Gervais

From: Christine Gervais
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 3:16 PM
To: 'michelle.posavec@gmail.com'; boris posavec
Cc: Susan Stone; Guy Gardhouse; John Stirk; Lenora Banfield; Fran Pinkney; Tom Nevills; 'Stovel and Associates Inc.'
Subject: FW: Application #: OPA1/15 & Z1/15 - Posavec Objection
Attachments: 12jun16 Posavec Photo #4.JPG

Good afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Posavec,

Please find below an email response received this afternoon from the Applicant of the proposed gravel pit.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Christine Gervais, MCIP, RPP, Township Planner
Township of Amaranth & Township of East Garafraxa
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From: Bob Long [mailto:Bob_long@longenv.com]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 12:34 PM
To: Christine Gervais <cgervais@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; 'Larry Pevato' <lpevato@yahoo.com>
Cc: 'Stovel and Associates Inc.' <stovel.associates@sympatico.ca>; 'Jeff Wilker' <jwilker@thomsonrogers.com>; 'Gord Feniak' <Gord.Feniak@rjburnside.com>; 'Carley Dixon' <Carley.Dixon@rjburnside.com>; Susan Stone <suestone@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Dave Lain <dave.lain14@gmail.com>; Anna Noveva <anoveva@yahoo.com>; Todd Lawr <todd_lawr@longenv.com>
Subject: RE: Application #: OPA1/15 & Z1/15 - Posavec Objection

Dear Christine:

Thanks you for sending us the June 12th email from Ms. Posavec. We respect her right, as a resident in the area, to comment on our Client's applications. The 4 ha (10 acre) Posavec property is well developed and landscaped. It is located in the West Half of Lot 5, Concession 18. The majority of our Client's property is within the East Half of Lot 2, with a small portion in the East and West Halves of Lot 3.

The Posavecs were not circulated the 2015 Application for a Licence, because their property is more than 1,000 m from the proposed pit. As we understand it, their concerns are the proximity of this pit to their home; property value; water supply; air quality; noise control; blasting; traffic; views; and effect on wildlife.

Pit proximity – the proposed licenced area is about 1,125 m (3,690 feet) from their dwelling.

Property and resale values of their property should not be adversely affected, by this proposed pit, due primarily to the significant distance and visual separations.

Well water quality and quantity should not be influenced, since the pit excavation will be above the water table and groundwater flow, on our Client's property, is from southwest to northeast.

Air quality and noise control proposals, peer reviewed by the Township's experts, will meet or exceed Provincial standards, within close proximity to the pit. The Posavec property has substantial, additional buffering due to the separation distance, intervening forest cover and topography.

Blasting is neither proposed nor permitted.

Traffic will be restricted to the established haul route, including County Road 3, where the Posavec's driveway entrance is located. As Ms. Posavec indicated, their home is located about 425 m (1,400 feet) south of the road. County roads are intended to carry truck traffic. The expected volumes are well within the existing road capacity.

Views from the Posavec property will not be affected. Their view to the south comprises open fields, sloping up to a substantial ridge. Forest cover increases the shielding of the proposed pit from their property. I have attached the 4th photo, from your Monday email. It is also Photo #3 in the version attached to Rob's report. I inspected the area, from the adjacent property, last Thursday. This photo represents the typical view of our Client's property from the Posavec's. They will not see any of the proposed gravel pit.

Wildlife and other natural environment studies have been completed by our Client, peer reviewed by the Township's expert and accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Credit Valley Conservation. All of the sensitive aquatic and terrestrial features are situated within the Shaw's Creek tributary, wetland pond and forest. Our Client proposes to rezone that area Open Space, to enable long term protection.

Yours truly.....Bob Long

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:18 AM

To: Bob Long; 'Larry Pevato'

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Hi Bob,

We received the comments below from area residents. Please address their comments and copy the Township.

Christine

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From: Michelle Posavec [<mailto:michelle.posavec@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, June 12, 2016 7:16 PM

To: boris posavec <b.posavec@gmail.com>; michelle posavec <michelle.posavec@gmail.com>; Susan Stone <suestone@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Karen Canivet <kcanivet@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Dave Menary <dmenary@eastgarafraxa.ca>; Christine Gervais <cgervais@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Jessica Kennedy <jkennedy@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Catherine Goustos <cgoustos@amaranth-eastgary.ca>; Guy Gardhouse <ggardhouse@eastgarafraxa.ca>; jstirke@eastgarafraxa.ca; Lenora Banfield <lbانfield@eastgarafraxa.ca>; Fran Pinkney <fpinkney@eastgarafraxa.ca>; Tom Nevills <tnevills@eastgarafraxa.ca>

Subject: Application #: OPA1/15 & Z1/15

Please read the attached letter and look at the photos I have included with my letter of concern, they clearly show how close the proposed pit will be to my home.

June 10th 2016

Corporation of The Township of East Garafraxa

RE: Notice of Receipt of Complete Applications & Notice of Public Meeting for Proposed Amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law.

Application Number : OPA1/15 & Z1/15

Applicants: Long Environmental Consultants Inc

Owners: Tri County Aggregates Ltd. / Jacob and Jonathan Kamphuis

Location: Concession 18, Part Lots 2,3 &4

Development Area: 62.3ha (154ac)

Present Designation: Agricultural

Purpose and Effect: to redesignate and rezone the subject properties to allow the development of an aggregate operation.

RE: Affected Home/Property of Borislav & Michelle Posavec

Address: 064344 County Road 3, East Garafraxa Ontario L9W 7J5

We address this letter to all parties that this concerns, and I would like to have all of my concerns go on record.

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John Stirk (deputy mayor) jstirk@eastgarafraxa.ca

Lenora Banfield (councillor) lbانfield@eastgarafraxa.ca

Frances Pinkney (councillor) fpinkney@eastgarafraxa.ca

Tom Nevills (councillor) tnivills@eastgarafraxa.ca

Sue Stone (treasurer) suestone@amaranth-eastgary.ca

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Including the general mail box: township@amaranth-eastgary.ca

We received the above mentioned notice in the mail on Wednesday June 8th, 2016 much to our

shock and worry about the things that were about to happen to and around our home. We talked with some of our neighbors and found that only 3 of us had received this notice, when all of us will be affected if this pit goes through with its plans. Why were the others not informed of the application and of the meeting to be held on June 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the town hall.

In October of 1999 we moved in our home, leaving Brampton to provide our 4 children with a cleaner, safer environment to grow up in. George and Linda Weisenbourne had built the perfect home, they too had raised their 4 children in our home and due to failing health were forced to move from this little piece of heaven they called home. It was perfect for us too, the house was set back 2/3 rd of the way back allowing our children to be free to be children and gave us the peace of mind that they had room to run and roam and not fear road traffic or any of the other concerns that city life has to offer. Over the years that we resided here we have made many improvements to the property, we build a 4 car garage and a storage pole barn on the property to make our life here more comfortable and to better suit our needs. We have been expanding our "Fore Ever" home just as George and Linda before us. They had Started a tree planting tradition that we have continued to celebrate the important events in life (births, graduations and memorials) key moments in time and our lives, living memories of moments.

For almost 17 years we have awaited the spring thaw to here the singing of the spring peeper frogs, see the breeding pair of mallard ducks that come every year to have their babies and the Canadian geese that do the same in Bradley swampy bit along our lane way. We place a salt block out for the deer just to see them come to it, and to watch them and their little ones run though the open fields. The wild turkeys have found a safe haven here to raise their young here too, we laugh at the young birds chasing their mothers and how they pop out of the bush and startle my children as the walk down the lane way to and from school. In the fall the deer come to eat the apples that have fallen from the trees and we have seen bucks rutting from the windows of our house. this house has blessed us in so many ways, a wholesome environment to live in, enabling us to see God's creatures free and in their natural environment.

My fear is all of this is going to change and not for the better. We have built this place up to be our "Forever" home, to stay here as long as God gives us the good health to maintain it as George and Linda Weisenbourne did. This raises so many questions and problems for us.

*I'm diabetic and stress directly affects my blood sugar which affects my overall health and living here has a calming effect on my life until this situation has come up.

*did anyone even take a close look at the map you provided on the notice to see how close this venture even comes to my home?

*what will become of the investment we have made in our home?

*what will happen to the property values?

*what will happen to the resale of our home?

*we are self employed and our home resale will be an asset that we will depend on in our later years to help sustain the balance of our lives.

*this has left us hanging on a hook and left out to dry, this will undoubtedly effect us financially with the value of our home and resale value.

- *what will happen to our drinking water?
- *what if something happens to our well?
- *we were told we have a spring fed well what if that gets damaged?
- *who will pay if we have a problem with our water or well?
- *will they guaranty that we will not have any water issues?
- *will they guaranty that they will fix any problems that arise to ensure that we have the exact same standard of living (ex. drinking water, water flow, well, air quality, noise levels)?
- *what effect will this have on the water table for all of the surrounding homes?
- *was told by neighbors that a private school was turned away but you're going ahead with a pit expansion that will have an impact on the environment, permanently.
- *what about air quality, and the dust particles in the air?
- *what about the noise of machinery?
- *what about the blasting?... noise? ...dust?
- *are there any environmental health issues that could affect us living so close to the pit?
- *what about the heavy equipment traffic?
- *what is going to happen to the normal residential traffic?
- *we drove our children to school because the school bus was rear ended twice in the first few month of living here, also there were a couple of accidents in front of my home when my children were getting off the bus after school when they were in high school?
- *our home is set at the back of our property less than approximately 600 feet to the property line.
- *this will destroy the view of the natural landscape.
- *what of all the natural and wild life that inhabit this area?
- *what about rodents and vermin when their homes have been torn up?
- *how will the animals that live here be impacted?
- *is there not enough functioning quarries and pits in the county that this one needs to expand its operations even further?

In closing this has made us feel like our whole world is about to come crashing in, the life that we have made here and the home and the community that we have invested in is about to be changed forever, with no thought

on how it would impact one family's home and life style. They say a man's home is castle and feels like ours is under siege.

Sincerely, Borislav & Michelle Posavec











